

DEATH TOLL IN GODOWN FIRE REACHES 143; RUINS STILL SMOULDERING

Adolf's Bad Debt

Vienna, September 24. Adolf Hitler still owes the city of Vienna US\$260—and it is not ready to mark it off as a bad debt.

The money is owed for a grave ordered by Hitler for his mother, 17-year-old Angelika, buried in a Jewish cemetery. Hitler's mother, Paula, was a Jewess. Hitler made her his mistress-keeper at his mountain retreat in Obersalzberg, Germany.

Angelika went to Obersalzberg with her mother and said to have been Hitler's mistress for a long time. She committed suicide in 1934 for reasons which were never made public, but rumors at that time said it was because Hitler transferred his affection to Eva Braun.

Hitler asked that she be buried in Vienna's central cemetery. He paid the undertaker 10 schillings, but the city refused to contribute. Since then, the city has been asked to pay the bill for the funeral. Later the city was asked to pay the bill for the maintenance of the grave. The city refused to pay the bill.

WIRELESS CERTIFICATES

Nine students of the Wireless Department of the Technical College were successful in obtaining the Ph.D. certificate of the Wireless Department of the Technical College. They are: Mr. P. C. Chan, Mr. P. C. Chan, Mr. P. C. Chan, Mr. P. C. Chan, Mr. P. C. Chan, Mr. P. C. Chan, Mr. P. C. Chan, Mr. P. C. Chan, Mr. P. C. Chan.

Evidence Against Alleged Procuress

A slim, bobbed-hair 15-year-old girl related to the Court at Central yesterday how she was taken to a hut on a roof in Hennessy Road one afternoon on a promise of employment and there molested by an unidentified man.

The girl, Wong Oi-nan, was testifying against 50-year-old Cheung Yuet-nan, charged with procuring Wong, a girl under 21, for immoral purposes.

Defensive Sub-Inspector R. F. G. White of Eastern Station prosecuted.

Witness told the Court that she came to Hong Kong to look for employment. She met defendant who promised to find a job for her.

Taken To Hut
After several meetings defendant told her that she had made arrangements for witness to see the would-be employer.

Witness said she was taken by defendant to a hut on a roof in Hennessy Road, where she was told to wait while defendant went down saying she would bring up the employer.

She waited for five minutes. A man, whom witness said she would not be able to recognise at present, entered and locked the door of the hut. He then undressed her, witness related, and molested her despite her screams and cries.

The man left and witness said she followed him. Downstairs she met defendant and complained of the incident.

Several more victims of the fire at the Wing On company's West Point godown—still smouldering dangerously last night—died at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday. Last night the death toll reached 143.

Sir Alexander Grantham visited the scene of the fire yesterday. He was escorted and given details of the outbreak by Mr. C. W. Brand, Acting Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, and Mr. H. Tiplady, Acting Deputy Chief Officer.

Public attention shifted yesterday from the scene of the fire to the buildings to the Public Mortuary, less than half a mile away.

There, weeping women and children, searching for missing relatives among the more than 100 mutilated charred corpses, attracted a large crowd.

Through the fire, a skeleton staff of firemen was on duty yesterday, preventing the smouldering buildings from reviving. Danger of the whole building on the waterfront collapsing under the tremendous weight of water and sodden goods still existed last night.

Burning Joss Sticks
No attempt could be made yesterday to search for bodies in the burning block on Dea Voeux Road, West. A thorough search of all the floors will not be possible until the building is shored up.

Joss paper and joss stick dealers in the neighbourhood reported a sudden increase in sales yesterday. Joss members of the Chinese community in the district burned joss paper and sticks at the doors of their flats to appease "the elements" which caused the tragedy.

At the Wing On company godown, in the vicinity of the Public Mortuary, bundles of burning joss sticks were piled up at various points by those who lost friends and relatives in the fire.

A police investigation into the fire is already in progress. A preliminary enquiry has ruled out sabotage and arson, the "China Mail" learned last night.

Kittens Survive
While making their way through the back of one of the first floors of the Des Voeux Road building, firemen found three kittens yesterday in a cardboard box beneath a wooden bed.

The bed and furniture in the flat were charred. Protected by the bed, the kittens escaped being burnt alive. There was no sign of the mother cat.

According to veterinary reports yesterday, at least 11 whole families were wiped out by the fire.

Assisting the Fire Brigade and the police, members of St. John Ambulance Brigade played a commendable part in the three-day fire. Like members of the Fire Brigade, they were on duty for more than 12 hours at a stretch, moving them to hospital.

Ambulance No. 6882 of St. John Ambulance Brigade was posted to the Queen Mary Hospital. It was diverted by the officer in charge to the fire after sending a patient to a river steamer.

First Aid Post
The ambulance took 12 patients to the Queen Mary Hospital on its first trip and 16 more in two later trips. The officer in charge set up a first aid post at one of the restaurants in the neighbourhood. It was in operation until 3 p.m. the following day. In all, 511 members of the Ambulance Brigade including all ranks and nurses, shared the work.

The part the organisation played in the fire, demonstrates its value to the community. On the day the fire broke out, the funds to expand its services.

An appeal for funds has been made previously. It is estimated that not less than HK\$100,000 is needed urgently.

Together with members of the Boy Scout Association, members of the Ambulance Brigade also assisted firemen in handling horses and removing bodies from the gutted building.

Hearing was adjourned to September 30.

The girl, meanwhile, will be sent to the Po Leung Kuk.



Three days after the outbreak, the disastrous fire which claimed 143 lives at the Wing On Company's West Point godown, was still smouldering dangerously last night. The photo shows the main godown on the waterfront. Smoke is seen curling from the windows. The right portion of roof has caved in. Damage is estimated at HK\$20,000,000. —"China Mail" Photo.

GRAPHIC ACCOUNT OF STREET GUN BATTLE

A graphic account of a gun battle in Queen's Street last April between a constable and a robber when a seven-year-old girl was killed and a shop faki wounded was given by Police Constable 115 Ho Kam-hua at Central yesterday.

PC 115 was giving evidence at the enquiry into the death from gunshot of Lam Suk-ching, who died four hours after being admitted into hospital.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada, sitting as coroner and jury, declared that PC 115 fired as he did in the course of his duties and that the girl had been accidentally shot by an unidentified bullet.

There was no evidence that the shot was caused by a police revolver, and as the bullet was not recovered it is possible she might have been wounded by a shot from the robber's gun.

The constable said that he was patrolling Wing Lok Street on April 27 afternoon when he saw three men rushing out from a shop. He heard no cries of "stop" or "save life".

Street Chase
When he asked the men to explain the reason for the rush, they did not answer but ran away. He chased them through several streets. He said he warned the men that he would shoot if they did not stop.

When the men were near the Queen's Street, the constable said he noticed one of them draw a gun and he immediately fired two shots. The robber retaliated. He stated he fired again and was shot at by the robber once more. In the confusion, witness agreed, the robber might have fired more shots.

After his third shot, the robbers ran into a lane where there were shop hawkers. He lost sight of them there.

On returning to his station, witness said he found that someone had been wounded.

Post Mortem
Dr. H. K. Kong of the Queen Mary Hospital said that he examined a seven-year-old girl who was admitted in a state of profound shock. She was a victim of gun bullets.

A post mortem revealed that she had two penetrating wounds in her body. Her abdominal cavity was full of blood and a bullet had penetrated her left pelvic bone.

She died primarily from gunshot wounds in the abdomen and from internal hemorrhage.

Dr. S. Y. Kwan of the Queen Mary Hospital said he operated on a 22-year-old shop faki, Chan Chu, who was suffering from a gunshot wound on the right side of his back. The patient was discharged from hospital on May 5 after recuperating from the removal of a bullet.

Wong Kam-yin, mother of the girl stated that she was a street sleeper and was sitting outside No. 10, Wing Lok Street, that afternoon when suddenly, she heard shots being fired and almost immediately saw her daughter

entrance. Again no effort was made to instruct these men in dancing. They were allowed to choose their own partners irrespective of whether they were pupils, teachers, or hostesses.

At the top of the page of the boot signed by these inspectors was written in Chinese characters that "I have the will to learn to dance" etc. followed by rules of conduct and ending up that the "terms are \$50 per month payable in instalments of \$3 each."

May Be Necessary
There is no doubt that for people who wish to learn to dance, it may not be convenient for them to attend day classes and in consequence evening classes may well be a necessity. But when a fee for attendance in the evening is charged, or whether it is charged or not to a person not properly enrolled and undergoing tuition in such a dancing school, then the propriety of such establishment contravenes the law.

Section 2 (b) of Ordinance 25 of 1933 defines a Public Dance Hall as "any place opened, kept or used for the purpose of dancing to which the general public are admitted, with or without payment for admission" etc.

The opening up of a number of Dancing Academies which by one reason or another may manage to avoid proper supervision and payment of fees is to be deprecated for many reasons.

In default of any laws or regulations concerning dancing schools, I must depend upon the law as it stands and have no other alternative than finding both these defendants guilty.

I note that the maximum penalty under this Ordinance is \$200, but as this is the first case, and I understand there are many other dancing schools which are following the same procedure, I will impose a fine of \$100 in each case so that notice may be given to others who are contravening this Ordinance.

Still Smoking

HOUSE OF COMMONS DEBATE ON MALAYA

London, September 24. The House of Commons today had a 75-minute debate on the motion for the adjournment of Parliament until October 25. Mr. Walter Fletcher, one of the Conservative experts on Malaya, accused the Government of too much complacency in the early stages of the efforts to put down terrorism.

"Why had there not been a round up of arms and dangerous men? Was Force 136 consulted? Were the police properly armed and reinforced when these dangers began to make themselves apparent?"

He had seen the report that the Government had written to the local authorities a large number of Palestine police and that they were refused. Was this true?

He asked for details about certain secret societies and the flight between the Communist and anti-Communist Chinese. Had any notice been taken of Communist organisations in Siam, where the Soviet Embassy had swollen to a quite unreasonable size?

He asked for details about the anti-Japanese army which had fought strenuously in the jungle during the war and now had become anti-Communist and anti-European.

Must Be Told
He condemned them for their present actions. The Communists had made Malaya their first priority.

"Wherever I hold meetings in the country, the first questions I am asked are about Malaya and the imprisonment of trade unionists. They want to strike at Malaya because it is a dollar producing country and they want to strike at the economic roots of Britain."

The Malayan must be told that the ultimate objective was to establish self-government for the people of Malaya as quickly as possible. "We must be careful, we do not substitute imperialism of a benevolent type for totalitarian rule."—Reuter.

Three Ways
Mr. Stanley Awwery, Labour, who recently visited Malaya said that the Government could not act against the Communists in Malaya until they had done something illegal. Immediately inspection started, the Government acted.

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To Advise On Aid To China

Washington, September 23. The Economic Co-operation Administration today announced the establishment of a special five-member public advisory committee for the ECA China aid programme.

The ECA Administrator, Mr. Paul H. Hoffman, is making the announcement, said the Committee had been set up to aid in answering questions with regard to the form in which aid should be given to obtain the maximum results, agree and methods of supervision, relation of the aid programme to American commercial interests in China, and long-range prospects for sufficient stability to enable economic aid to be effective.

He said the ECA had selected a special group of outstanding citizens who in their respective fields represented various aspects of American interests in China.

Committee members include: Isa H. Bowman, former President of Johns Hopkins University and since 1940, a member of the Permanent Commission for China and the United States; Arthur Foye, President of the American Council of Commerce and Industry; senior partner of the international public accountants firm of Haskins and Sells; Elizabeth Moore, former chairman of United Service Organizations Council, member of the Board of Directors of the United States High Commission to the Philippines; President and chairman of the Board of United Service of China; Walter Robertson, former Minister Counselor for economic affairs at the United States Embassy in Chungking; and Assistant to General Marshall during General Marshall's mission to China.

The Committee is expected to meet monthly with the China Programme Division of ECA. The first meeting is scheduled for next week.—United Press.

Attempt To Change Plea
An application to withdraw a plea of guilty to a charge of possessing arms and ammunition was refused by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Mr. d'Almada told counsel representing Li Yui-lin, 22-year-old spinster, charged with possessing a Mauser pistol, two revolvers and 15 rounds of ammunition, that he would consider his application at a later stage of the case.

In fairness to another defendant involved in the case and similarly charged, the magistrate said he would adjourn the case until the recovery of that defendant's Remedios.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada, Remedios, was adjourned for a week.

Mr. J. Stewart, representing Li Yui-lin, told the Court that his client pleaded guilty originally to the charge of possessing arms and ammunition.

She was not represented legally and did not know the difference between pleading guilty to possession with knowledge of the contents and possession of the package itself only. Counsel said there was no guilty plea.

Referring to certain authorities, Mr. Stewart said that defendant could change a plea of guilty before sentence was passed.

Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, for the Crown, contended that it requires a strong case and in exceptional circumstances to make a change of plea.

Originally Li and Kwok Kong, alias Kwok Tsi, were charged together with four others, who were all discharged.

Mr. Remedios is representing Kwok Kong.

The hours at which persons may visit friends and relatives in the prisons of Hong Kong (including the Female Prison at Lualaba) are to be extended. From October 1 the hours will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Told On Fellow POW
Tokyo, September 24. The army authorities revealed today that they have called for investigation of an American army sergeant stationed in the United States whose "poison tongue activities" in a Philippine POW camp led to the execution of a fellow prisoner.

The authorities refused to give his name or assignment until the investigation is completed.

The disclosure came as American prosecutors opened their case against five Japanese accused of fatally shooting a prisoner, Captain Burton C. "Stretch" Thompson, on Corregidor in May 1942.

By drawing Thompson to a desolate spot on the island and shot him after an unnamed American sergeant and a fellow prisoner had told the Japanese guards stories of Thompson's anti-Japanese sentiments.

Charged with shooting Thompson are former Japanese Sergeant Gelford Fujita and former Lieutenant Minoru Nakagawa.—United Press.

FELL OFF EXPRESS
Lu Po-chun, aged 31, was taken to Kowloon Hospital yesterday afternoon suffering from serious injuries as a result of falling off the afternoon express near Lo Wu, New Territories.

Up to a late hour last night his condition was reported to be serious.

Dancing Schools' Case Judgement

Judgment in connection with two dance school operators was given by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

The case was the result of summons against Tong Tung-sang, manager of a dance hall at 186A Nathan Road, first floor, and simultaneously against Chan Ge-kiang, manager of a dance school at 379 Nathan Road, second floor.

They were summoned for unlawfully conducting a public dance hall without a licence.

Those premises were visited by Inspector Collins, accompanied by Mr. J. P. Muford, Inspector of the Entertainment Office, on September 11 at 9.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. respectively.

When the case came before Mr. Latimer on September 20 and after evidence had been given, judgment was reserved.

In this case the Police took out a summons against the Mickey School of Dancing and also one against the King's Dancing Academy, complaining in each case that a Public Dance Hall was being conducted in contravention of the Miscellaneous Ordinance (No. 25 of 1933) was being conducted there. Both of the summonses were heard together, which in no way prejudiced the result.

In the case of the Mickey School of Dancing, before starting the manager or proprietor took the precaution of writing to the Police as to the necessity of obtaining a licence and received a reply from the Commissioner of Police that "a licence is not required providing that the general public are admitted, with or without payment for admission" etc.

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Bought Tickets
On the night of September 11, two Chinese sub-inspectors of police in plain clothes knocked at the door and each bought a ticket costing \$3 which entitled them to enter.

After the actual raid took place and tickets were collected by the Inspector in charge of the raid, these two Chinese inspectors went on to the King's Dancing Academy.

The procedure was somewhat different. Instead of purchasing tickets, the inspectors were required to sign their names in a note book and pay \$3 each for

ARMED ROBBERS SENTENCED

Nine years' hard labour and nine strokes of the cane was the sentence passed by Mr. Justice Reynolds yesterday on Leo Tak-hing and Chan Wab for armed robbery and possession of arms.

The two accused, according to the prosecution, were members of a gang of six persons who, armed with revolvers and hand grenades, robbed a piecegoods shop in Jervois Street on July 5 of more than HK\$20,000 in cash.

They attacked the shop on a pretext of selling "cloth" and ambushed the shop faki and produced hand grenades to intimidate them. They also poured petrol on the floor and threatened to set the shop on fire to force the shop faki to open the safe.

After the robbery the two accused were arrested as they were trying to escape.

In evidence yesterday Chan denied any connection with the robbery. He said he saw other people running and he also ran, when he was arrested by the police. He also denied that he was a friend of the first accused, Leo.

The case for the prosecution was conducted by Mr. A. Heenan, assisted by Detective Inspector T. Cushman.

Neither of the defendants was legally represented.



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Austria Trade Ban Lifted

Two Orders under the Trading With the Enemy Ordinance of 1914 have been made by Government authorising trade with Austria. The first Order published in the Government Gazette yesterday authorises trade with individuals and organisations in Austria and removes Customs Control over money or property accruing in consequence of the authorisation. Austrian property in Hong Kong is to be treated as if it continued under Customs Control.

Official Notices

Mr. Ivan Bernard Prover, General Manager of the British Section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, resumed duty on September 17.

Mr. William Segre who arrived in Hong Kong on September 13, has been appointed an Assistant Superintendent of Police with effect from August 4. The appointment was approved by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Memoranda of the-Edits by Government on Island Lot No. 5189, Stanley Island Lot No. 8 and New Kowloon Island Lot No. 2712 have been registered according to law by Mr. E. H. Samson, Acting Land Officer.

The name of T. E. Griffith (332) Limited will be struck off the Hong Kong Companies Register on December 29 unless cause is shown to the contrary. The Government Gazette reported yesterday.

The Command Workshops at Shamshuipo, Kowloon, have been declared a prohibited area under the Protected Places (Safety) Ordinance of 1946. The Government Gazette reported yesterday.

Shares in the Luen Wo Land Investment Company Limited, in L. London and Company Limited, in Fairly Glen Company Limited, and in the John L. Duff and Company, Limited, have been exempted from the provisions of Articles 11 and 12 of the Moratorium Proclamation.

Government announced yesterday that Island Lot No. 211 R.P. is required for a public purpose and will be resumed on December 20.

Reminders

Today

H.K. Football League Season Opening.
A Michaelmas Fair in aid of St. John's Cathedral Funds, will be officially opened by Lady Grantham today at the Murray Parade Ground at 2.30 p.m.
Flower Day in aid of H.K. and Kowloon Schools for Workers' Children.
Royal Naval Dockyard Social Evening Recreation Club.
H.K. Jockey Club race meeting, Happy Valley, noon.
Interport Cricket trial match, H.K. Cricket Club, 1.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Talk on "Lambeth Conference" by A.S. Abbott, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.
Classical Concert, Tse H. Club, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

MONDAY

YMCA Xmas Pantomime audition of all singers, West Lounge, European YMCA, 7 p.m.
H.K. Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Service is My Business" by D.L. Strellett, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Urban Council meeting, GPO Building, 4.15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Tse H. Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
H.K. Club meeting, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

SATURDAY

Michaelmas Fair, Murray Parade Ground, 2.30 p.m.

Harvey Cyril Gough, 36-year-old Chief Petty Officer of HMS Tamar, was sentenced to six months' hard labour for stealing 10,000 reams of paper from the Combined Services' Headquarters' stationery store.

Charged with aiding and abetting Gough, two coolies, Li Sai-hin and Li Fat, were sentenced to three months' hard labour each.

Defendants pleaded guilty. In delivering his judgment yesterday at Central Magistracy, Mr. Hin-shing Lo stated that the circumstances of the case did not justify giving any of the defendants the option of a fine.

"A conviction on a charge of this nature entails most serious consequences. I shall be failing in my duty towards the public if the sentence of the Court imposed on each of the defendants is devoid of any desired deterrent effect," Mr. Lo said.

Plea For Leniency

"The first defendant stated in his plea for leniency that he had committed this crime not for his own good, but for the good of certain superior officers. It is immaterial whether this allegation could be substantiated. No doubt the police will make investigation into this matter. Whatever may be the result of such investigation, that clearly affords no legal ground for committing the offence charged.

"In passing the sentence to fit the crime, the Court has taken into consideration the other aspects of first defendant's plea for mercy, namely his long service and good record and the suffering sustained by his wife through no fault of his."

Had To Assist

"Second and third defendants have in the course of their plea in mitigation stated that they had to assist the first defendant in carrying out this felonious act under the threat or pain of dismissal for any disobedience shown on their part at the material time.

"However, this may be true, or perhaps it can be denied, I still think that such plea discloses no valid ground for justification. The circumstances of the case do not justify giving any of the

More Evidence In Petrol Theft Case

Evidence in connection with the larceny of petrol from the Government by drivers of Army, Navy and Government lorries was heard before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Charged with the offences are: Chan Yim, Tsai Wing, Leung Kai, Ko Hin-man, Yu Shik, Lau Kwong, Li Kwai-kee, King Cheung, Wong Kung and Au Yuen.

Inspector V. Morrison conducted the prosecution, and Mr. Marcus de Silva represented Chan Yim, Tsai Wing, Leung Kai and Li Kwai-kee. Mr. C.A. Hutchinson represented Ko Hin-man, Yu Shik and Ng Sun. Mr. A.S.C. Carter represented Lau Kwong, Mr. P.C. Woo represented King Cheung, Wong Kung and Au Yuen were not legally represented.

Before evidence was taken, Inspector Morrison told the court that no evidence would be offered against Li Kwai-kee, who was then discharged.

Pung Chuen, who had previously been charged and convicted with larceny and is now serving a sentence, was the first to give evidence. He said that his organisation had carried on for 17 days prior to his arrest.

He described to the court how lorries driven by the petrol from their vehicles by means of a rubber tube inserted into the tank while the other end of the tubing was sucked.

He said he had seven folk working for him who were responsible for the various duties in the organisation.

The lorries that brought petrol to him were Army, Navy and Government vehicles and money was usually paid in cash, while some had credits.

The price he paid for petrol was \$6 for four gallons, normally sold at \$7 four gallons. He said the petrol, after being drained into the tanks was kept in a fenced open space and there kept until nightfall, when, if unsold, it would be removed for storage.

Daily Deliveries

The buyers of the petrol were usually private cars and lorries, and about 10 lorries came daily to deliver the petrol, and about the same number of buyers called.

He said he could not recognise any of the drivers except the four that he had already pointed out: Tom Fing, Kurnilure also daily to the said he received instructions in June this year from the police to keep a watch at the junction of Larch Street and Po Tai Street for lorries that arrived with petrol.

PRESENT FOR GOVERNOR



Commemorating the inauguration yesterday of the United States International Air Parcel Post, a representative of Pan-American World Airways presented Sir Alexander Grantham, Governor of Hong Kong, with an ash tray made of California redwood burl cut from a 2,000-year-old redwood tree.

The presentation was made by Mr. Y. A. Olsham, Assistant District Traffic Manager for PAA on behalf of the President of the Redwood Empire Association.

The parcel containing the ash tray included a hook on California's Centennial celebrations.

Whether or not PAA will be authorised by the Hong Kong Postmaster General to carry parcels from the Colony to the United States and elsewhere was not a ascertainable last night.

The Postmaster General, Mr. J.B.H. Lee, said yesterday that an agreement had been reached for the establishment of an air parcel service from Hong Kong to America. The service, he added, will be extended to small packages, commercial papers, samples, etc.

He said that a detailed statement will be made in a few days.

August Trade Statistics

The Statistical Office of the Imports and Exports Department announced yesterday that imports of merchandise into the Colony during last month amounted to a declared value of HK\$163,531,287 as compared with HK\$119,743,349 in the month of August, 1947. The figures include Government-sponsored cargoes.

Exports of merchandise last month totalled a declared value of HK\$124,686,904 as compared with HK\$72,377,540 in the corresponding month last year.

Imports during the first eight months of 1948 amounted to a declared value of HK\$1,301,553,731 as compared with HK\$921,400,490 in the first eight months of 1947. Exports totalled HK\$957,682,070 as compared with HK\$734,609,535.

TRADE UNIONS' HOPE FOR HIGHER ALLOWANCE

The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions met recently to discuss the question of High Cost of Living Allowance. In view of the fact that the Government had set up a Committee to investigate and determine the rate of H.C.L. Allowance, it was resolved at the meeting to write to the Hon. Sir Man-kam Lo, Chairman of the Committee, and bring to the notice of the Committee the views and opinions of the workers regarding their hope for a higher Allowance. The letter read:

We were glad to learn of the news published in the newspapers on August 29, that the Government had set up a Salary Commission to investigate and determine the rate of High Cost of Living Allowance.

As you are the Chairman of the Commission, and always show great sympathy for the workers and speak for them, we firmly trust that you will take the demands of the workers into consideration in determining and fixing the rate.

First of all, we must point out that the demands of the Chinese workers in Hong Kong are nothing but security of employment and livelihood. But at present the pay of the workers is low, and their livelihood is hard. They work with a heavy heart.

According to the report of our fellow-workers, the cost of food is seven times as high as it was before the war i.e. in 1941, but the pay of the workers is only increased four times when compared with that of pre-war time. Moreover, most of the workers have families. This is a burden to them.

The High Cost of Living Allowance fixed by the Government is based only on the calculation of one and half persons, and is, in fact, too low. Who is going to feed their wives and children? The calculation of the High Cost of Living Allowance should therefore, include at least two persons.

Food Only

Secondly, the present calculation of High Cost of Living Allowance by the Government includes food only. Other necessities of life are not taken into account.

What are termed by the Chinese the six necessities of life, i.e. food, clothing, quarters, travelling, amusement and education have not been dealt with. Apart from the H.C.L. Allowance, the workers have their basic salaries, but how can they make both ends meet with their small salaries?

Besides, not all the major items of food are included in the calculation (for instance, the essential item of sugar is missing) and the quantity of each item of food is not fixed. For instance, pork is 4.8 taels per week, in average below 7 taels a day. Vegetable is fixed 30.4 taels a week, in average a little more than 4 taels a day only. These are far behind actual wants.

We suggest, therefore, that in calculating the H.C.L. Allowance, more items of food be included and their quantities be increased. Apart from food, other necessities like rent, clothing, travelling allowance, medical fee, education fee for children and other daily necessities should be included.

Thirdly, the calculation of H.C.L. Allowance should be based on retail prices of goods in the market. Retail prices are much higher than wholesale prices. The workers buy things from the market at retail prices, and it is more correct to take the figure according to these prices. It is hoped, therefore, that the H.C.L. Allowance will be fixed pro rata to the rise and fall of retail prices of goods in the market.

Daily Paid Workers
Fourthly, it is learned from the newspapers that the Salary Commission will not take up such matter as determining and fixing the rate of H.C.L. Allowance for daily paid workers, but we most earnestly hope that you will put forth on our behalf to the Government the suggestion that daily-paid workers should have a H.C.L. Allowance pro rata to that of monthly-paid workers. There should be no distinction between monthly-paid and daily-paid workers with regard to H.C.L. Allowance, as daily-paid workers also have to live.

In a nutshell, our main demands lie in the hope that the sufferings of the workers will be taken into consideration in fixing the rate of the H.C.L. Allowance and that the H.C.L. Allowance for workers will reasonably be raised. As this is a question of livelihood of the workers, the decision of

Now Called "Indonesia"

With the revision of the constitution of the Kingdom of the Netherlands solemnly proclaimed on September 20, 1948, the Netherlands Indies will henceforth be known by the name of Indonesia.

The name Indonesia covers the whole of the territories formerly known as Netherlands East Indies. As such "Indonesia" is not to be identified with the "Republic of Indonesia."

CORRESPONDENCE

Teachers' Union

Sir—If I remember correctly, there was an Extraordinary General Meeting in St. John's Cathedral Hall on July 23, when the Hong Kong Teachers' Association passed a resolution that the said Association be registered as a Teachers' Union under the Trade Union Ordinance, and a sub-committee was even formed to look into the matter.

Well, the holiday came, the typhoons came and the rains came, and nothing more is heard about this sub-committee. Will anyone in the know kindly inform many other interested members of the Association what happened to the "resolution"?

MEMBER.

Rubbish Collection

Sir—I would appreciate it if you could enlighten me as to the refuse collecting routine in Boudary Street, or failing that, what one is expected to do in the event of non-collection.

I recently moved into a new block of flats and after a few days the refuse accumulated, what it came swarms of flies etc. No refuse van had been round, so something had to be done about it.

Next to the flats is a vacant plot of land; so off I go to burn the rubbish. I had just got started when the "Arm of the Law" arrived. I was instructed to put the fire out owing to the land being Government property. I then explained my reasons for my little bon fire, didn't want him to think I was having fun.

To cut a long story short I was told I should transport the rubbish to Prince Edward Road and await the van. As the crowd there the distance is 50 yards. My rubbish does not fly, therefore the

distance is 100 yards. But before moving the rubbish we must listen for the tinkle tinkle of the bell which tells us the van is there.

I am in whole-hearted agreement with the recent health talk given over the radio. We were told that flies and mosquitoes breed in refuse, etc., and are the cause of disease. Accordingly I must continue to be a law-breaker until such times as the refuse-collecting van calls near my home.

C. H. LLOYD.

HK Hospitality

Sir—Hong Kong has gone so far as to make a law permitting Chinese officials to inspect and detain cargoes on Canton-Kowloon trains while running in British territory.

Now Dr. Chang Fu-yun, Director of Customs Administration in Nanking is here to invigilate the forces against the smugglers. What quid pro quo is he going to give to the people and government of Hong Kong?

What about the gold bars—Li Chung-mun's 95 taels and Chen Hung-kelly's 145 taels—seized and taken from Hongkongites on Hong Kong soil before the self-limiting Hong Kong law was passed?

Surely Dr. Chang cannot enforce a law ex post facto against Hongkongites who gave him so much hospitality.

AMEN.

Dangerous Goods

Sir—Isn't it rather strange that petty offenders get hauled into court and fined rather heavily for storing small quantities of dangerous goods in unsuitable premises, but if this is done in a big way, the authorities concerned can't see the wood for the trees?

LITTLE AUDREY.



To get a thing done... do it yourself!

A Lark, nesting in a wheat field, was fearful that reapers would come before her seedlings were grown. When she heard the farmer ask his neighbors and relatives to help in cutting the wheat, she was worried. But when he started to sharpen his scythe, she bade her youngsters take winged flight. "We won't have any thing done, he must do it himself!"

ÆSOP'S FABLES

To discover the true character of any whisky, test it-yourself with water, for water is your most reliable guide to the whole truth about whisky. Water makes whisky speak for itself... brings out its true flavour, bouquet and aroma. That's why we invite you to test Seagram's V.O. with water.

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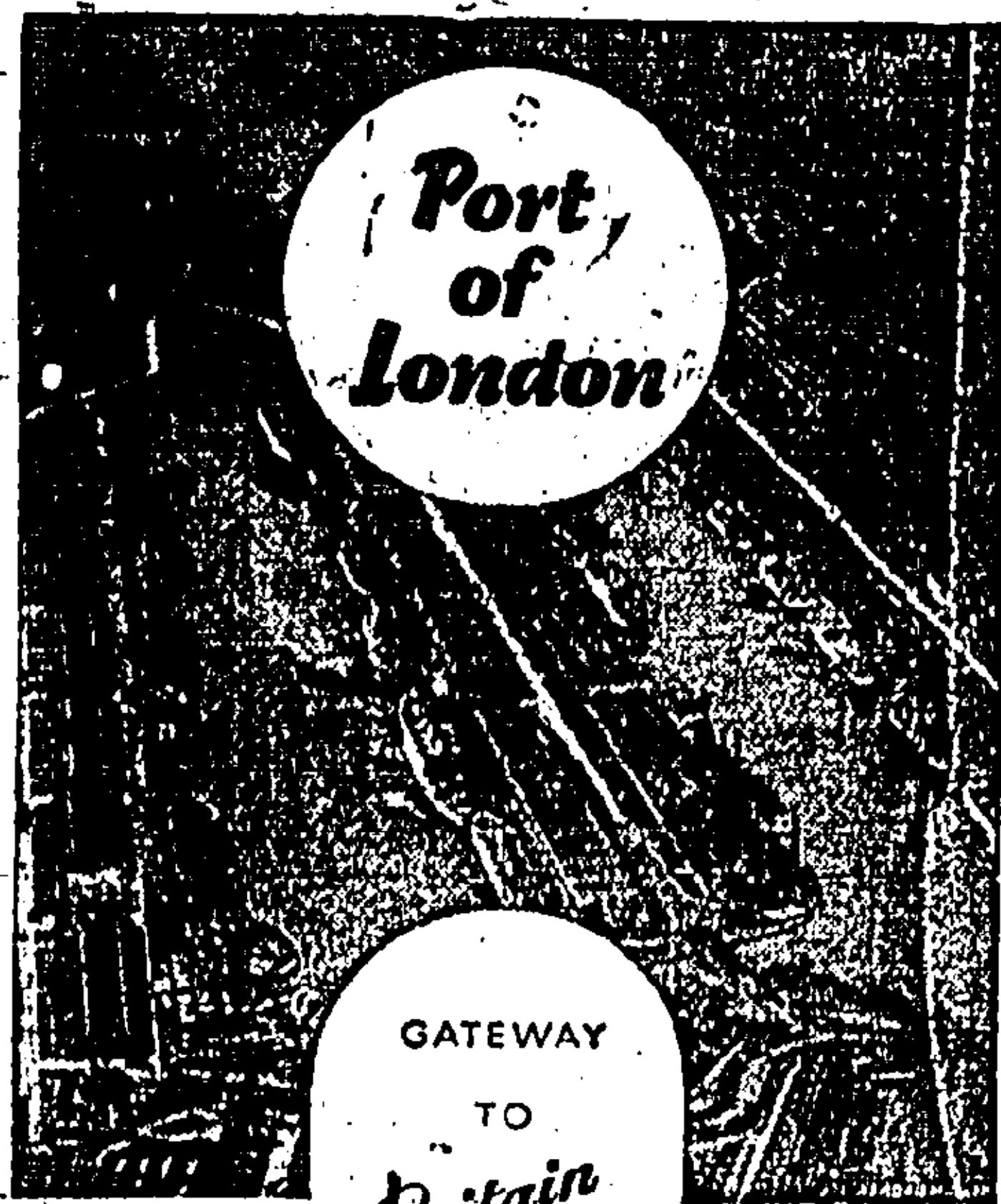
1. Add pure drinking water (plain or soda) to an ounce or two of Seagram's V.O. Canadian Whisky. Now, breathe in that tempting inviting bouquet.

2. Sip slowly; enjoy the distinctively different taste, the rare delicacy, the light-bodied smoothness of Seagram's V.O. with water. Then you'll know Seagram's V.O. is one of the world's finest whiskies and the lightest, cleanest-tasting whisky you have ever enjoyed.



Seagram's V.O. CANADIAN WHISKY

It's lighter... it's better for you!

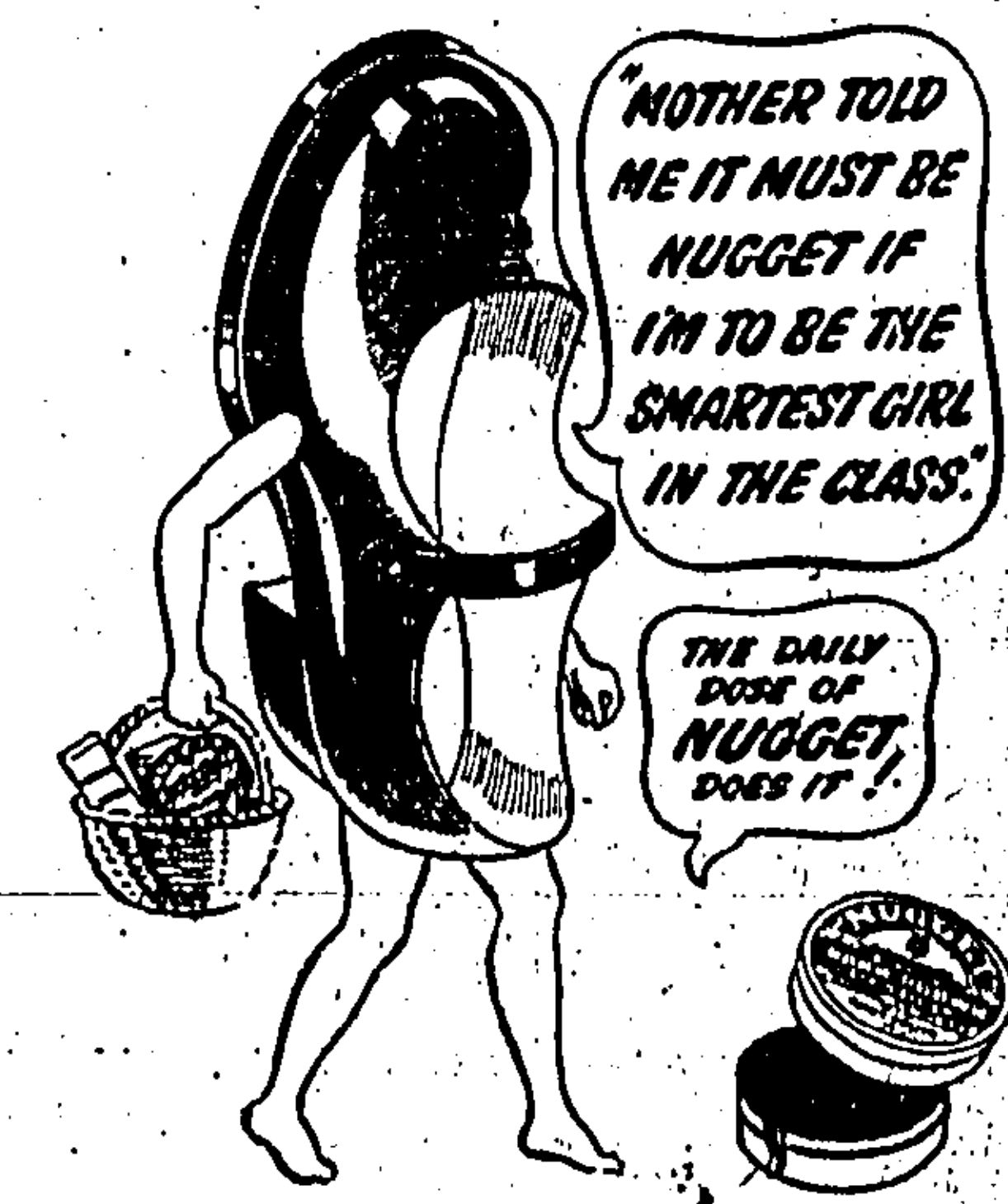


Port of London

GATEWAY TO Britain

For centuries, Merchandise reaching London River moved along the main trackways radiating West and East, South and North. To-day the goods Britain needs STILL travel the same routes — by rail and wide arterial roads — London is STILL the Gateway to Britain. ★

Write for free illustrated booklet "Facts and Figures," obtainable from Information Office, Port of London Authority, London, E.C.3, England.



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FULL TIME English teacher required immediately for mid-level private English School. Apply Box 618 "China Mail".

COMPETENT bookkeeper for import-export firm, capable taking charge whole set books, drawing P/L account. Write with full particulars, salary expected G.P.O. Box 755.

WANTED - Chinese assistant for woolen and cotton textiles department in Import firm. Applicant must be fully experienced with good dealer connections. State full particulars and salary expected to Box 615, "China Mail".

A MALE assistant, Chinese or Portuguese for shoe dept. in British departmental store. Must be FULLY EXPERIENCED in men's & women's shoes. Reply P.O. Box 470 Hong Kong.

YOUNG Lady stenotypist with perfect English wanted. Must be able to handle correspondence independently. Please apply Box 616 "China Mail".

FOREIGN FIRM of Importers requires Salesmen and Brokers for Sundries, Provisions, Textiles, Watches, Perfumery, Chemicals, Hardware, & Paper. Letters stating full particulars regarding previous experience to Box No. 612 "China Mail".

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ENGLISH Shorthand Typist recently arrived from England with thorough knowledge of French, wishes position with English or American firm. Reply Box 618, "China Mail".

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RENNOMEE - Autumn collection of day, afternoon, cocktail and evening dresses, suits and coats. 503, Victory House, Wyndham Street.

ALLENBURY'S Malted Rusks Baby's aid to teething - available again at all Dispensaries and leading Grocery Stores. Control price \$5 per 1 lb. tin.

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LADIES, we have at your service all specialized operations for Helene Cyrillus cool waves, machineless oil perms, hairdyes & manucure - ROSE MARIE Beauty Parlour - Phone 50384-43, Hankow Rd., Kowloon.

MME DOBRY. American Imported FUR COATS and CAPES. Squirrel, Silver Fox, Mink, Marmot, Mouton Lamb, etc. Also a large selection of the latest styles in Wedding Gowns. 221-222 Gloucester Bldg., 2nd Floor.

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PILOT RADIOS: Same reliable prewar quality now obtainable at popular prices, made possible only by increased demand and large sales. Allwave sets from \$240 each obtainable at all the better dealers or direct from: Colonial Agencies, Tsekoochoy Bldg., 14 Queen's Road. Phone 26310.

SCRIBBLING PADS - 100 pages at 50 cents each. On sale at "China Mail" office, Windsor House. Tel: 52312.

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LAMBERT BROS.

Auctioneers, Surveyors and Appraisers, Pedder Building, Telephone No. 20224.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Saturday, the 25th September, 1948

commencing at 11.15 a.m.

at their Sales Rooms,

Pedder Building, Basement

(for account of the concerned)

A Large Quantity of Caustic Soda, Washed Film, Printing Ink, Sodium Ferrocyanide, Potassium Ferrocyanide and Printing Paper.

Located at C Godown, No. 15 Passage and No. 4 Godown of The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

All the above goods are more or less damaged by fire and/or water.

For Permits to view these goods on the 24th September, 1948 apply to the Undersigned.

Terms: 50% on fall of Hammer and Balance by the 27th September, 1948.

LAMBERT BROS., Auctioneers.

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

MONTHLY TICKETS

Monthly Tickets for the month of October may be obtained, as follows:-

New tickets for passengers not holding a ticket for the present month can be obtained only at the Traffic Office, Canal Road East, on and after 30th September.

Existing tickets can be renewed at the Traffic Office, Canal Road East, on the 25th and 26th September and from 2nd October.

Existing tickets may also be renewed at Queen's Building, Connaught Road Entrance, near Star Ferry, on 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th September and 1st October.

V. WALKER, Acting General Manager. September 24, 1948.

NOTICE

Messrs. Henry Kwon and Wong On are no longer connected with this firm.

The Carlton Auto Accessories Company.

THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

announce that

their new office in

MONGKOK

Nathan Road, Kowloon,

will open shortly.

Banking business

of every kind

will be transacted.

A branch of the

HONG KONG

SAVINGS BANK

will also be in operation.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the above-named Company 100,000 unissued shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each will be offered to the members of the Company who appear on the 30th day of September 1948 in the Company's Register of Members as the holders of the present issued shares of the Company \$10.00 per share and on the footing that the full nominal value of each share offered namely \$10.00 shall be paid in full on the acceptance of the offer and in any case not later than the 31st day of December 1948 and so that each member of the Company appearing at the Company's Register of Members on the 30th day of September 1948 or his approved nominee shall be entitled to apply for and take up one of the said 100,000 unissued shares of the Company for every two issued shares held by such member on the 30th day of September 1948. The shares so offered and accepted shall rank for dividend as from the 1st day of January 1949.

If under the terms of the offer any member would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors in lieu of issuing fractional Certificates will cause the whole share to be issued to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall at such time as the Directors think fit be sold and the proceeds distributed among the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

The Directors will dispose of any shares offered to members in the event of non-acceptance by payment thereof by members or their approved nominees on or before the 31st day of December 1948 at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as they may decide.

It is most important that any persons who have purchased shares in the Company but are not on the Register in respect thereof shall if they desire to take advantage of the offer, present their transfer for registration accompanied by the requisite shares certificates on or before the 30th day of September 1948.

The offer will be made by notice sent by post to each shareholder - specifying - the number of shares to which each shareholder is entitled and such offer if not accepted either on behalf of such member or his nominee on or before the 31st day of December 1948 will be deemed to be declined.

The Company's Register of Members will be closed from the 1st day of October 1948 until the 7th day of October 1948 both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON LTD., General Managers.

Hongkong, September 16, 1948.

NOTICE

THE ROYAL SCOTS (THE ROYAL REGIMENT) REUNION

It is proposed to hold a Regimental Re-union for ALL serving and ex serving members of the Royal Scots.

Probable Date: 28th Nov. (Eye of St. Andrew Day)

Place to be notified later.

Will any member of the Regiment who has NOT been notified by circular of this Reunion, please communicate as soon as possible with Major R.W.B. CUNNINGHAM, THE ROYAL SCOTS, DAQM (1) H.Q. LAND FORCES HONG KONG Telephone 34121 Ext. 37.

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 19/48. PORT OF HONG KONG.

(1) Under the provisions of the Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Ordinance No. 10 of 1899 Section 22 (5) it is hereby ordered that during the Typhoon Season, i.e., 1st June until 15th October all ships within harbour limits shall, when any local typhoon signal is hoisted, immediately clear away anchors and cables and raise steam on the main engines to such extent as may be possible under the circumstances.

(2) When any local signal other than No. 1 is hoisted all ships at Government wharves which are not at the time classified as "Typhoon Buoy" and vessels berthed alongside wharves or quays, shall shift to an anchorage, or a "Typhoon Buoy", as soon as possible after the hoisting of such signal.

Masters may, however, if conditions appear safe, apply to the Director of Marine for permission to remain on at a non-typhoon buoy for a limited period in hours of daylight if by so doing they would be enabled to complete discharge or loading of cargo. Permission would normally be granted only in the case of vessel intending to sail immediately on completion of such work.

It shall be lawful for the Director of Marine to order any ship at a Typhoon Buoy, or at any berth in the Harbour, to give place to any other ship whenever, in his opinion, the circumstances justify such order.

(3) Masters or their agents are advised to ascertain at time of booking whether a buoy is considered safe for use under typhoon weather conditions. Nothing in these regulations shall prevent any ship which is already at a Typhoon Buoy from shifting to an anchorage if such is preferred.

(4) Notice to Mariners No. 23 of 1948 is hereby cancelled.

Authority: Marine Department, Hong Kong.

J. JOLLY, Director of Marine. Marine Department. Hong Kong, Sept. 22, 1948.

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION

FOR INFORMATION OF SHIP OPERATORS AND CHARTERERS

It is hereby notified that Wednesday, 22nd September, 1948, has been declared a Weather-non-working day.

J. JOLLY, Director of Marine.

Marine Department, Hong Kong, September 23, 1948.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Post close at 9 a.m. the previous day.

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office, half an hour earlier than the G.P.O. closing times.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Closing Times by Air

Canton, (Kowloon C.P.O.) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 3 p.m., (H.K.P.)

7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2.30 p.m.,

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila P.I., Honolulu, U.S.A., and Canada, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Foochow, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Cairo, (Nairobi, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Cairo), Rome and London, Kowloon C.P.O., (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.; G.P.O., (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea and Train

Macao and Tientsin, 2 p.m.

Canton (2nd class mail only), 2 p.m.

Hobow, Pakhoi via Hollow and Hongkong, 3 p.m.

Straits, 3 p.m.

Fuzhou via Taiwan, 3 p.m.

Japan (ordinary letters, cards and parcels), 3 p.m.

Macao and Tientsin, 4 p.m.

Kowloon (via Canton), 6 p.m.

Canton (parcel and 2nd class mail), 8 p.m.

Manila, Aden, Egypt and Marseilles, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Closing Times by Air

Canton, (Kowloon C.P.O.) 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m.; (G.P.O.) 9.30 a.m., noon.

Airmail for Kowloon and Calcutta, (Reg.) 5 p.m., 25/9, (Ord.) 9 a.m., 25/9.

Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 5 p.m., 25/9, (Ord.) 10 a.m., 25/9.

Airmail for Hongkong and Hanoi, (Reg.) 5 p.m., 25/9, (Ord.) 10 a.m., 25/9.

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Macao and Tientsin, 10 a.m.

Canton (2nd class mail only), 10 a.m.

Rangoon, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, 10 a.m.

Hobow, 10 a.m.

Straits and Batavia, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Shareholders are reminded that the Calls on their 1941-Issue shares are due for payment on or before the 30th September, 1948.

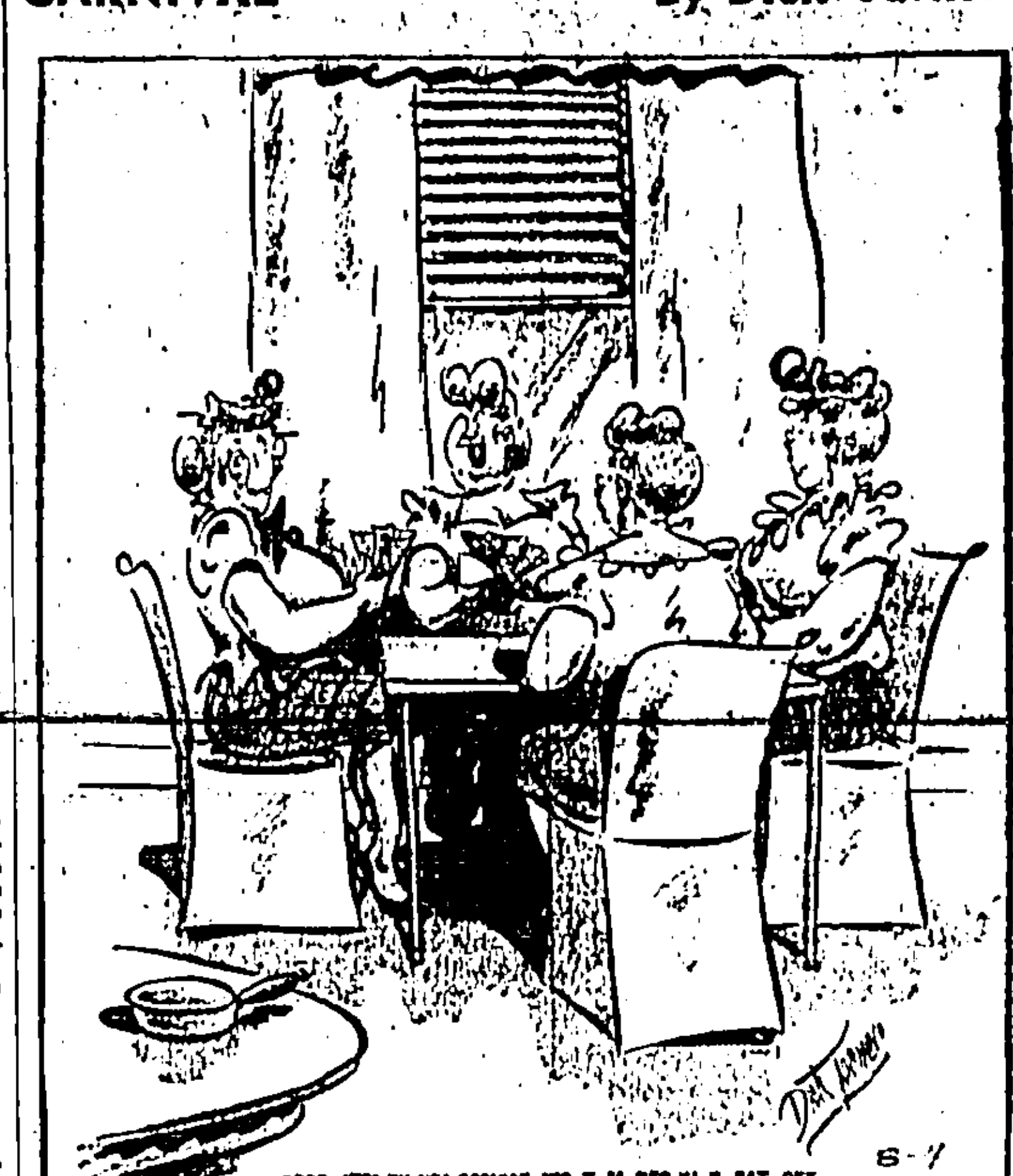
Attention is also drawn to the provisions contained in the separate Call Notices.

P. W. WOOD, Secretary & Chief Accountant.

September 24, 1948.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"As I was about to say when Mrs. Migge here so rudely refused to be interrupted..."

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay "The Authority on Authorities"

NO TIME TO RUFF HIGH

CONFRONTED with the problem of whether to ruff with a high trump or a low one, the answer often comes from card-reading. If your reckoning tells you that an opponent will be able to trump the trick too, then perhaps you should use a card higher than you expect him to hold. But if calculations show he is bound to have a card of the led suit, and must follow with it, then a small trump is not only good enough for the instant duty but serves as the means of saving your big card for use later on.

A player with the simplest of card-reading habits would have ruffed with the spade 6 and retained the J. There was no chance at all of East trumping that trick unless he had a doubleton, in which event West would have held a six-card suit headed by three tops. If West had possessed such a suit, he would surely have bid it over South's original call. Application of the logic and low ruffing of the third trick would have made the contract easy of fulfillment.

South considered his third bid of spades justified by the strength of his suit, though it made a sound as if he had a six-carder. He was willing, however, to have spades as trumps if North held two, as he did.

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Currency Blackmarket Being Wiped Out By Kwangtung Government

MPs Suggest Neutral Bloc

London, September 24. Six Labour Members have tabled in the House of Commons a motion calling for the creation of a bloc of neutral nations, based on the Commonwealth and Empire as a means of preventing an

The motion, tabled in the name of Dr. Nathan G. Cohen, Mr. Henry Wilson, Mr. John Freeman, Mr. W. Morgan, Mr. John Rumbold and Mr. E. M. D. Manning.

The motion asks the Government to put before the Dominion Prime Minister a Conference which opens in London on October 11, proposals for the creation of a bloc of neutral nations to join the bloc and for the taking of an All-Commonwealth resolution to the United Nations regarding the constitution of an international police force under the control of the United Nations. Reuter.

PAKISTAN TIGHTENS BORDER CONTROLS

Karachi, September 23. Official frontier check posts have been set up at all border crossings to keep out fifth columnists from India.

A permit will now be required for Indians to enter Pakistan. The move was viewed as another step in strengthening the nation's defence. United Press.

RADIO

THIS IS RADIO-HONG KONG broadcast on a frequency of 45 kilocycles per second and on 930 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K. 12.30 p.m. Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m. A Lady in the Street (Continued).
1.00 p.m. News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m. Sports Bulletin.
1.30 p.m. "Sam Seng" Presented by Philip Barr (Studio).
2.00 p.m. Close Down.
2.05 p.m. Programme Summary.
2.10 p.m. "Here We Are Again" (Studio).
2.30 p.m. "Pan America".
2.45 p.m. "Elm de Caste at the Plaza" (Studio).
3.00 p.m. "Unit Request".
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Canton, September 24. The measures which the Kwangtung authorities are taking to wipe out the blackmarket in foreign currencies are producing results, and talks of illegal quotations for the Hong Kong dollar—once a common topic of conversation—are disappearing.

However, the price situation is still not quite under control, especially when a comparison is made with the situation in other parts of the province.

The inability of the authorities to bring commodity prices down to the level desired by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is arousing the ire of many people, including some City Councilors.

The measures being taken to stabilize prices include efforts by the Kwangtung Government to force a ban on the export of commodities for resale to the public at low, if not cost, prices; the importation of Central Government allocated materials, such as cotton, piece goods, cotton yarn (export of which is at present banned) and edible oil.

A large consignment of such commodities is expected in Canton from Shanghai in the near future and they will probably be made available to the public under a rationing scheme.

H.K. Decree

Another step to check prices, it is reported, is an order to local Government banks to freeze grants and loans until fresh regulations are drawn up by the Finance Ministry.

The authorities are intensifying their efforts to prevent the importation of foreign currencies.

"TWO CITIES" TOO VIOLENT

London, September 23. The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, told the House of Commons today that the reason why the film "Two Cities" was banned in Malaya was that the Government film censor in Singapore and the Federation of Malaya had prohibited the display during the present disturbances of any film depicting scenes of violence.

The film fell within that category and was withdrawn with the full agreement of the local cinema authorities.

Mr. Barnett Turner, Labour, asked about the progress made by the local Special Committee in Malaya dealing with the loss of life and property as a result of the present disorders in that territory. Had any arrangement yet been made for providing temporary assistance for widows of those who already have lost their lives?

Mr. Creech Jones replied: "The Special Committee is about to submit to the Government a scheme of compensation. It is concerned with compensation for death or injury among the civilian population but not for damage to or loss of property. Meanwhile temporary assistance is provided for necessitous cases by the Social Welfare Department in Malaya."—Reuter.

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Eden: "Keep Us Informed"

London, September 23. The deputy leader of the Opposition, Mr. Anthony Eden, urged the Government today to take action to keep Parliament informed of the international situation during the Parliamentary holiday "in the event of any grave development such as we hope will not take place."

Berlin

Newspapers Seized

Berlin, September 23. Squads of German police, acting on Russian orders, seized the Soviet sector of Berlin today, seizing thousands of copies of all Western-licensed Berlin newspapers not distributed through the central Soviet-controlled agency.

Exempted were the British-licensed Die Welt and the French-licensed Kurier, both distributed by the agency inside the Soviet sector of Berlin.

Publishers in the three Western sectors met immediately and appealed to all news agents in their parts of the city to ban the sale of Soviet-licensed papers "until the freedom of the press is restored in the Eastern Zone."

The roundup began at 5.00 a.m. when squads of Soviet police visited wholesalers and confiscated thousands of copies awaiting distribution. Later in the morning, the police visited individual bookstalls and confiscated any copies of Western papers found there.—Reuter.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR INDO-CHINA

Singapore, September 23. The French troopship Andre Laboulaye arrived today with the first of several thousand army reinforcements for Indo-China. They are expected to pass through this British port in the next two days.

The troopships Chantilly and Marchais will arrive tomorrow. All three are carrying French and Foreign Legion troops for service against the revolting Vietnamese Republic.—Associated Press.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF RUSSIAN WIVES

London, September 24. Britain will support the Chilean motion at the United Nations General Assembly calling for release by Russia of the Soviet wives of British, American and other foreign husbands, Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin said on Thursday.

Mr. Bevin, now in Paris, made the statement in a letter to A. C. Hall, spokesman for the British husbands of Soviet wives. Mr. Hall's group began the agitation months ago for the release of the wives that has culminated in the Chilean move.

Russian newspapers have been publishing recently a series of letters purportedly signed by some of these wives asserting that they do not wish to leave Russia, says Associated Press.

Reuter reported from Moscow that four more Soviet wives of Britons and four Soviet wives of Americans have asked for divorces. They sent letters to the Soviet Government newspaper, Izvestia, in which they said:

"We protest against the slanderous anti-Soviet campaign in the British and American press about Soviet wives."

"We do not want to go to England or America, and we have applied for divorces."

Altogether 20 or 30 marriages between British subjects and Russian girls took place during the war. Of the brides about a score were allowed to join their husbands after an appeal to Generalissimo Stalin by Mr. Clement Attlee at Potsdam.

JEWS SHOOT DOWN PLANE, KILL BRITONS

Amman, September 23. Mr. David Woodford, correspondent of the London Telegraph, and Mr. John Nixon, correspondent of the British Broadcasting Corporation in the Middle East, were killed when an Arab plane crashed near the Transjordan frontier this afternoon.

An Arab passenger was also killed. All three had jumped as the plane approached the ground.

An Arab report said that the crash came after a Jewish plane had fired at the Arab machine over Tiberias, Northern Palestine. The pilot of the crashed plane, Captain Woodford, was killed.

Red Cross Emblem

John Nixon, aged 30, joined Reuters, London office, in 1934 and during the war was a war correspondent in France and in the Mediterranean. He later joined the B.B.C. for whom he was correspondent in the Middle East.

David Charles Woodford, aged 43, served on the Army Staff in the Middle East during the war and joined the Daily Telegraph as foreign correspondent in October, 1945.

An official communique issued in Amman tonight said that a Jewish plane had fired at the Arab machine, and added that it continued firing until the damaged plane crashed.

The Iraqi Army did not fire on the Jewish plane, suggesting it to be a United Nations machine, the communique added. An Iraqi officer reported that the Jewish plane was carrying the Red Cross emblem.—Reuter.

DESTROYERS SOLD TO DOMINICA

London, September 24. The Admiralty announced that it has sold two destroyers to Dominica at an undisclosed price. They are HMS Fume and HMS Hotspur, now being refitted at Devonport.

The Hotspur will sail for Dominica on Nov. 5; the Fume in December.—Associated Press.

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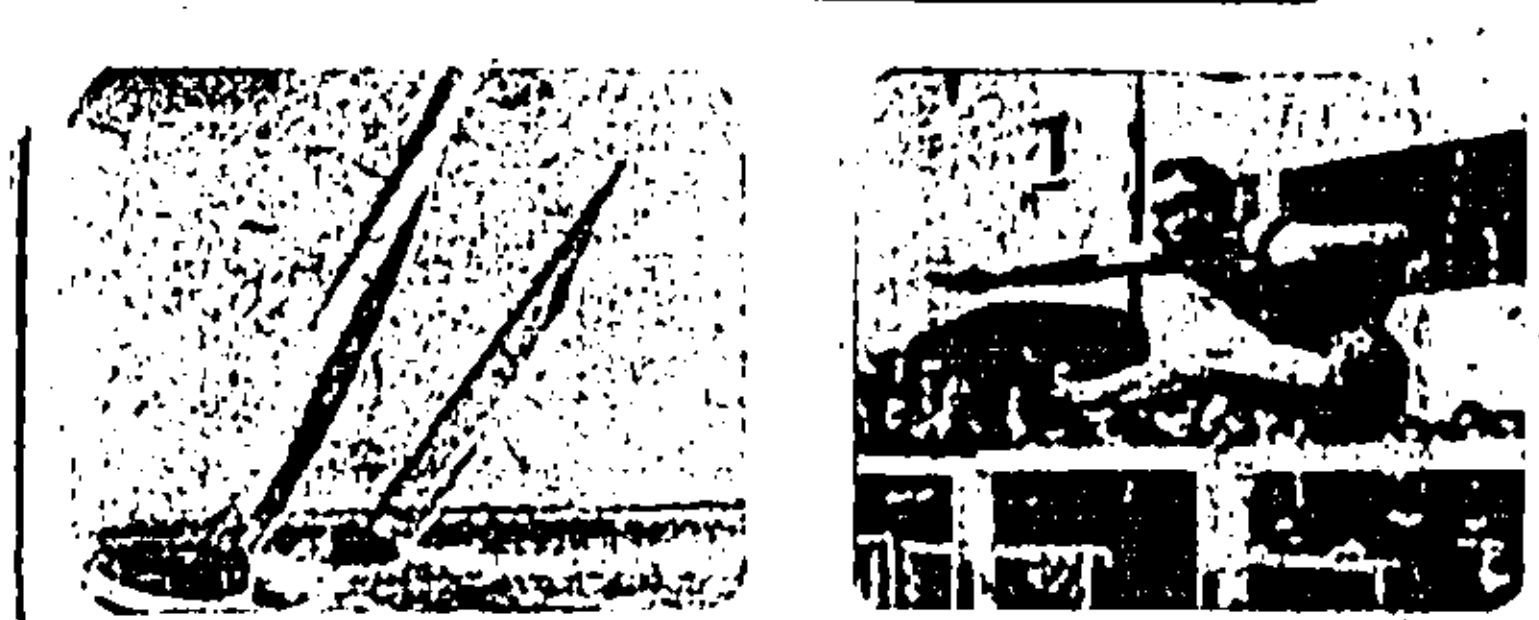
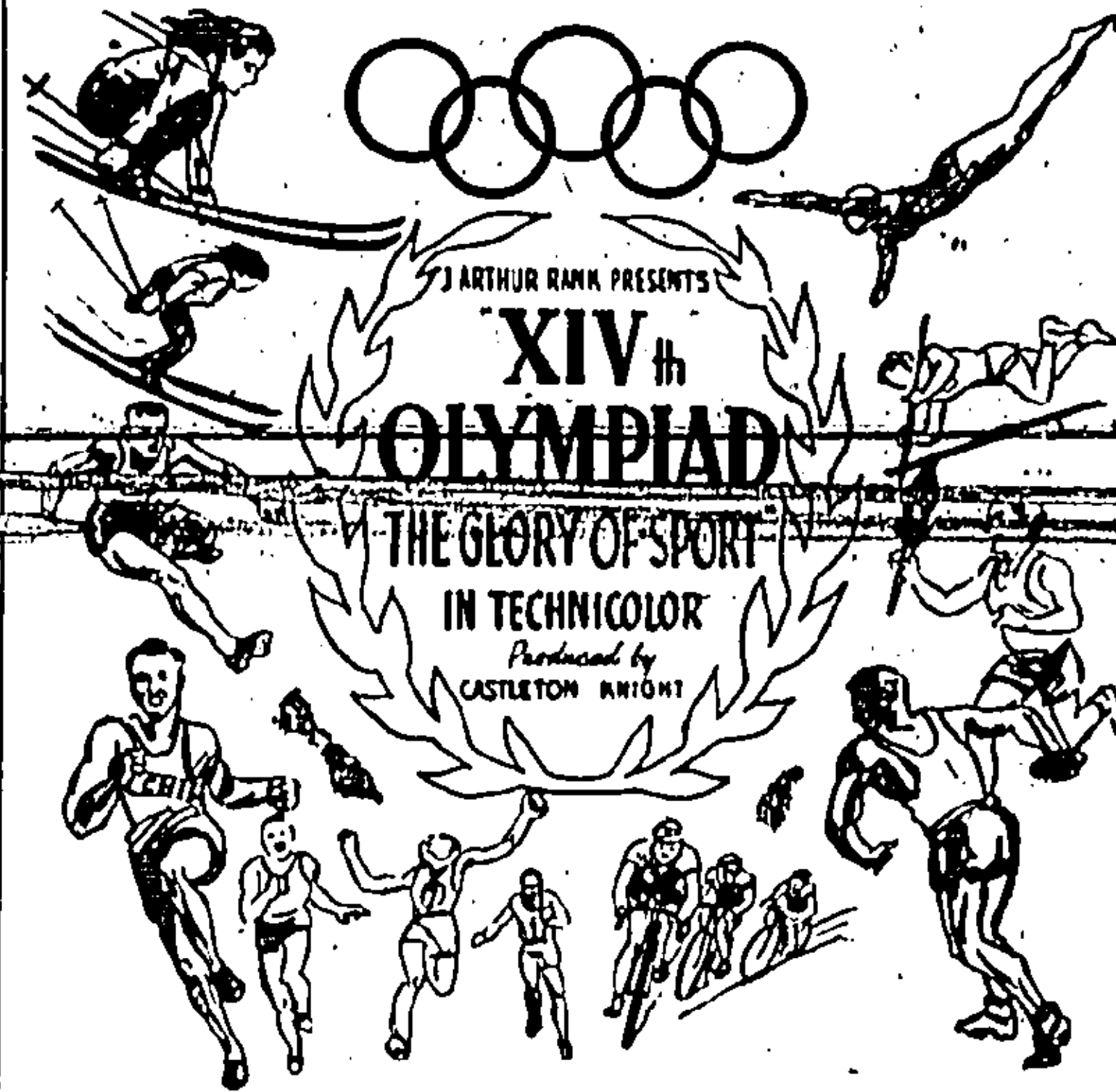
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MARRIAGE

RODRIGUES-BELLIS—Regret to inform that owing to unforeseen circumstances the wedding of Mrs. Marie Rodrigues and Mr. Herbert Bellis has been unavoidably postponed. Guest, will be informed of the later date by mail.

THE COLONIES

If it is permissible to judge from the session just finished of the United Nations Committee on Colonies, the Russians have so far made little headway in their campaign in the United Nations against what they describe as 'Imperialism'. Several sharp clashes occurred and there were occasions when delegates of the Colonial Powers walked out, refusing to sit quietly listening to the Soviet diatribes. More important however was the obvious failure of the Russians and their satellites to present an honest case and an equal failure, therefore, to create any lasting impression.

The excuses the Russians made for mounting their offensive were two United Nations Assembly proposals. The first proposal was designed to compel the placing of Colonial possessions under control similar to that of territories in trust. The second was designed to secure political and constitutional information to other data already submitted. Neither of these proposals is in itself unworthy of examination. It is the manner and motive of their presentation which aroused the opposition of colonial powers, not least of Britain. The first proposal might have more claim to serious consideration if the Trusteeship Council had given any evidence that United Nations supervision was likely to benefit subject races. Up to date, thanks chiefly to the Russian delegates of the Council, it has failed. In the main the proposal to require political information seeks to compel what is already given voluntarily. From the beginning Britain has supplied such information through the United Nations through the medium of its Librarian.

Only nine of the 57 United Nations member states administer colonies and the Russians might have been expected to rally more support for their charges than they succeeded in doing. In fact, on matters directly affecting the British Colonial Empire the Russians only once obtained an actual majority of potential votes in the Assembly. They were supported by their satellites, intermittently by some South American delegates and by some, though by no means all, of the Asians. On the other side, Dr. Lin Mou-sheng, the Chinese member of the United Nations Trusteeship Mission, declared recently at Dar es Salaam that Britain was "second to none in applying the principles of the United Nations to trust territories and colonial dependencies and in giving them self-government whenever possible."

The United Nations could do valuable work in establishing impartial standards of judgement, gathering and comparing honest information about colonies and trust

THE GUNMAN SILENCED MR. BECKER

By EDWARD BISHOP

John Noll Becker sat at his office desk in Singapore. It was a sweltering hot day. He got up to switch the fan on a little faster, then settled down to work again. Five minutes later he was dead—shot by a Chinese. His well-laundered white tropical suit was bespattered with blood.

This happened in the centre of Singapore. It was one more shot in the bitter battle between the forces of law and order and Communist-inspired terrorism that stretches from Singapore across the Johore Causeway, right up through the jungle of Malaya to the borders of Siam.

Every day British planters, tin-miners and businessmen fight lonely battles from their scattered outposts against the terrorists. They fight for their lives and for the protection of valuable dollar-earning property.

He Knew Too Much

What is the story behind this savage war among the rubber trees? John Becker could have given you the answer if he had been alive. That is one reason why he was silenced. He knew too much.

For two months when callers came to his office they were told: "Mr. Becker is away." Yes, Mr. Becker was away. He was living rough in the jungle on a secret assignment for the Malayan Security Service.

Partly as a result of his report the decision was taken to re-align Malaya with Army, Navy and Air Force units. It was obvious the situation could not be dealt with through the "usual channels". It was evident that specialists in the anti-terror business were urgently required.

That is why Colonel William N. Gray, former Inspector General of the Palestine Police, is today Commissioner of Police in Malaya. That is why he is shortly to be joined by his late political chief in Palestine, Sir Henry Gurney, who will succeed Sir Edward Gent, killed in an air crash, as High Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya.

A Bit Late

These necessary steps have been left a bit late in the day. Officialdom knew in December, 1947, that an upheaval in South-East Asia had been planned by representatives of every Communist Party in Asia.

Since the passing of the Hereditary Civil Servants Act in 1902, which substituted the House of Civil Servants for the House of Lords, it has become increasingly difficult to become a Civil Servant except by inheritance.

For example, in 1901 there were only 7,007,921 permanent Civil Servants in this country, all of whose children were then commoners. However, in 1902 when these 7,007,921 officials were elevated to the House of Civil Servants, this number was increased to 10,337,210, because their children were granted honorary titles.

Thus the eldest son of a Member of the National Coal Board automatically became an Hon. Gas Controller, while the daughter of a District Fuel Overseer took the courtesy title of an Hon. Inspectress of Shell Eggs. Even the cousins and second cousins of Provincial Post-Mistresses became in their own right Zonal Letter Censors or Sub-Divisional String Registrars, according to their sex.

Furthermore, owing to the richer rations issued to State officials, all these Civil Servants bred more rapidly than ordinary citizens, with the result that there are now approximately 21,000,000 fully-paid bureaucrats in British West America (formerly the British Isles)—or roughly 20,500,000 more than there are profitable jobs for them to do.

It must not be supposed, though, that young persons who have reached the school-leaving age (25) stand no chance today of becoming Civil Servants. On the contrary, a number of castles

territories and exercising judicious, beneficial influence, but the effect of the propaganda methods adopted so far is precisely the opposite. All concerned—colonial powers, subject peoples and the United Nations—are alike losers while insofar as they secure one more platform for derogatory propaganda the Russians are the only gainers.

Party leaders held a conference in the remote Manchurian city of Harbin. This fact was reported in Malaya's own daily newspaper, *The Straits Times*. Time and again *The Straits Times* uttered warnings, yet nothing was done. British lives have been lost and valuable property harmed.

Now the Red Plan evolved at Harbin is in action.

The greatest tragedy of all is that the majority of these terrorists were our allies against the Japanese. Some were decorated by Admiral Mountbatten when he was Supreme Allied Commander in South-East Asia. Some came to London for the Victory Parade.

These were the men who, during the war, formed an army of guerrillas to harass the Japanese. Arms, ammunition, food, medical supplies and a host of items were dropped to the jungle soldiers from the air. So, when the war ended, the marauding bands had considerable stocks of arms.

Gradually the former allies became more and more independent and fell out with the British military administration. Jungle law fell in step with Communism.

Only recently British forces on an anti-terrorist sweep

rounded up a Chinese wearing the British Empire Medal. He was the headman of Pulai village—a village which aided us considerably during the war.

Today Tong Kinggen, the headman, is in custody as a Communist suspect. The Red planners exploited the guerrillas. For they fitted neatly into their scheme to make trouble in South-East Asia.

'Ready To Risk It'

Now terror sweeps through Malaya. Burma, which elected to leave the Empire and become a republic, is in revolt; Indonesia (the Dutch territories of Java and Sumatra) is racked by Communist-inspired unrest. Siam is a seething-pot for Chinese Communists on their way to join comrades in Malaya.

John Becker knew a lot about the enemy. He had ventured into parts of Malaya where the people believe that Russia is at war with Britain. That is the fantastic story that has been put about.

Before leaving on his last expedition Becker said: "I have a number of enemies and I might have a crack at me, but I am ready to risk it."

Now John Becker is dead.

CHEWING-GUM COLONY WAVES THE FLAG

British Honduras, land of the chewing-gum and mahogany on the east coast of Central America, is prouder today of being British than at any time in the last 150 years.

Bands play, the people dance, and rockets soar high above the spindly trees which give the chiclé which makes the chewing-gum that earned the land more than \$1,000,000 last year.

By GRAHAM STANFORD

For British Honduras, the 150th anniversary, and the fact that she has been a British colony since 1666, the people of the republic of Guatemala DID NOT invade when Britain sent H.M.S. *Sheffield* and *Windsor* to show the flag in this oft-forgotten colony.

St. George's Day

Today, as they have done every year for the past 150, the people of British Honduras celebrate the Battle of St. George's Day. They honour that brave band of early British wood-cutters who thrashed the Spanish invaders and made this land British.

But also, because it is so vividly in their minds, they celebrate the more recent climb-down of Guatemala, who has had envious eyes on the Colony for over a century.

Proudest girl in the whole of the Empire today is the dazling, dark-haired Miss Edna Flauterin Melight, who has been crowned "Queen" of the Colony for these celebrations, and many loyal addresses are being dispatched to Buckingham Palace in the far-off Mother Country.

This Heritage

Says one of them: "Our British heritage is an incomparable pearl of great price. Take it away and you could not breathe. You could stagnate. You would die."

Only one person out of every 25 in a population of about 60,000 is white. But the land of swamps and forests with its mahogany, turtles, has often been described as the most British of all our Colonies.

When Guatemala was huffing out her threats the Colony stood fast; and that was a fine, brave day when the British cruiser H.M.S. *Sheffield* sailed to the capital of Belize to find out just what went on in Guatemala.

But quite apart from the celebrations, this little British Colony can look forward with new hope to the future. Recently a Royal Commission was sent out by the Colonial Office to investigate the possibilities of developing the Colony and increasing her population by a transfer of people from over-populated West Indian islands and also from Europe.

Their New Deal

The report is now ready and will probably be published shortly. I understand the Commission takes a good view of the Colony's future and that its recommendations are likely to give a new deal to these fanatical loyal Empire citizens.

"Salute to H.M.S. *Sheffield*—the people of British Honduras shall never forget," says the official programme of the celebrations. Britain may now reward their loyalty by new schemes to open up the country and improve the standard of life of many of the people. Apart from the chiclé exports, British Honduras last year exported more than \$2,000,000 worth of timber, and it is no secret that Guatemala wants British Honduras for economic reasons.

For Settlers

What has the land of chewing-gum and mahogany to offer the British settler? Here are extracts from the latest memorandum prepared by the West India Committee in London:

INCOME TAX: Only 1/- in the pound on the first taxable £250.

ACCOMMODATION: At a premium. Hotel and housing conditions are unsatisfactory.

INDUSTRIES: Mahogany, sugar, chiclé, and soap. In 1939 three factories were opened for the manufacture of laundry soap from coconut oil.

SPORTS: Game in abundance—deer, antelope, pumas, and jaguars. Cricket, tennis, football, and horse-racing.

COMMUNICATIONS: Lack of roads causes internal transport to be conducted along numerous waterways. Roads at present are totally inadequate to the Colony's needs.

But British Honduras is wide open for development, and the inhabitants anxiously wait for the findings of the Royal Commission. They don't care what goes on in Guatemala. They want to forge ahead.

Good luck B.H.—and have a good time!

FRENCH WITH TEARS

This is a picture of the daily life of Pierre Bonneval, a Paris factory-worker.

It will help you to understand the bewildering news which keeps unhappy French on the world's front pages week after week.

As Governments rise and fall and rioters clash bloodily with policemen. Monsieur Bonneval has found that one ordinary wage for one ordinary week's work at his factory is not nearly enough to pay for the groceries, the meat, the vegetables, the heating of his five-roomed flat, and the children's clothes.

He has therefore become a "three-job" man.

He gets up every morning at two o'clock, and between 3 a.m. and 7 p.m. he manages to find a temporary office in a Paris newspaper office, a machine minder in a factory, and a part-time worker in an electrical business.

His total wages for the three jobs amount to less than £10 a week.

Until a month ago the three-job man was just able to balance his home budget. Now even though Madame Bonneval shops with the utmost care, practically the whole of the £10 a week goes in food—and not particularly good food.

So Bonneval after working 14 hours a day finds he has earned only enough to feed his family and not enough to do anything with them, or for such things as going to the pictures or even taking a ride on the underground railway.

How They Jump

These price jumps in the past month explain the crisis in the Bonneval household. Bread, 40 per cent; up; horse-meat (the Bonnevals can't afford the other kind), 35 per cent; eggs, 100 per cent; cheese, 30 per cent; milk, 60 per cent; wine, 25 per cent.

Two teenage boys both need new pairs of shoes, but father has had to tell them to make do with the old ones. A new pair of boy's shoes costs two guineas.

The Bonnevals are faced with the prospect of no heat in their flat this winter because they cannot afford to pay £8 per ton for coal.

Four days ago the gas was cut off because they could not pay the gas bill. In the past three weeks the gas money had to go on food.

One 'Sunday-Best'

It is five months since Madame Bonneval was able to buy clothing of any kind for herself.

She has managed wearing hats (blouse, skirt, and coat) which, with the help of a midwife from one of the big Paris fashion houses (a two-job girl), she has transformed so that it patently approximates the New Look.

The Bonnevals never read the newspapers. They say first of all they cannot afford to buy them because the price has tripled since the war, and they are due to go up again.

Also, they maintain, if you buy a French newspaper these days you usually find most of the space taken up with the names of the latest coalition Cabinet or columns of speculation on whether the Government is going to fall.

The Bonnevals used to be keenly interested in the political situation, and Monsieur Bonneval was renowned in the local café for his defence of Socialist Party policies.

Now he says: "I have given up talking politics. I am disgusted with the politicians. I consider most of them are gangsters exploiting the miseries of the ordinary people."

Appropos the local café, Monsieur Bonneval used to have two or three aperitifs a day on the café terrace. Now, with aperitifs at a time, his drinking is confined to two glasses of rather poor quality wine, with each meal.

Bonneval was also a heavy coffee drinker, but the price of coffee is leaping upwards. From just under 2s. a pound, the legal market it has moved up to more than half a crown a pound. Even renjis, one of the most strictly controlled items in a French budget, are beginning to go up.

No Prospects

Yesterday Bonneval had his SOS from his ageing father, who finds his pension virtually worthless because of inflation.

No Confidence

He knows that, although France is producing enough food to enable everyone who works as hard as the Bonnevals to eat their fill, the peasants are not sending it to market because they have no faith in the franc.

He knows that the new Government has done nothing to establish such confidence.

In fact, Bonneval is in the mood to let off some steam by demonstrating in the streets. It would not take much to convince him that something drastic should be done—such as changing France's parliamentary democracy for an extremist regime.

Outlook Stormy

If families all over France had the same troubles as the Bonnevals blood would have begun to flow long ago.

Fortunately there are large areas away from the industrial centres where people are living fairly comfortably.

We can probably count on Bonneval keeping his temper in bounds for the time being, but after a long talk with him I am convinced that he will not go on putting up with such a life in the midst of plenty very much longer.

A wintry wind is whistling through the broken front-room window of his flat, and the further outlook is stormy.

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Home Fleet Leaves For Exercises

London, September 23. The Home Fleet left Portland today for school. Lord Home, First Lord of the Admiralty, has described as the biggest and most important naval exercises since the war.

For the first three days of the exercises simulated war conditions will prevail. The contented forces, led by the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir R. L. Burnett, include aircraft of the Coastal and Bomber Commands.

The exercises are intended to test naval defence against air, submarine and MTB attacks. Lancasters and Lancaster bombers of the RAF Bomber Command will make mock attacks on several English towns tonight.

The targets are ports in Southern, Western and North Eastern England.—Reuter.

IDEOLOGICAL BATTLE GROUND

Caux sur Montreux, September 23. Mr. Bremer Hofmeyr, cousin of the former South African Deputy Premier, Mr. Hofmeyr, today told the World Assembly for Moral Rearmament that Africa was an ideological battle ground.

Asking what would guide the tremendous stirrings of the African peoples, he said: "Will it be a moral and spiritual ideology leading to freedom, or a materialistic ideology leading to slavery?"

Mr. C.E. Mortimer, Minister of Health for Kenya, said there were problems in Kenya well-nigh unsolvable. "Thirty thousand European, 80,000 Indians and 4,500,000 Africans are standing gazing at each other over walls of mistrust and suspicion built on a foundation of fear."

"I am determined to throw everything into the fight of taking Caux to Kenya," the Minister added.—Reuter.

Blackmarketing Death Sentence

Shanghai, September 24. The Central Special Criminal Tribunal in Shanghai today confirmed the death sentence on Wang Chun-chu who was convicted by the Shanghai Special Tribunal on charges of black-market remittances with agents in London, Hong Kong, San Francisco, Manila and Swatow in violation of the emergency economic regulations.

Wang is the first merchant to be sentenced to death for black-market deals. He will be executed by a firing squad in Shanghai soon.—United Press.

Plans to prepare Britain for an emergency were announced by the Minister of Defence, Mr. A. V. Alexander, in the House of Commons today. He was opening a debate on defence.

Mobilisation machinery had been overhauled, he said, "and if unhappily such machinery had to be used it would be found to work satisfactorily."

Declaring that the plain fact was that collective security had not been achieved, Mr. Alexander said: "We have an obligation to maintain our armed forces that should a major emergency arise, they can be expected to make full contribution to the collective security."

Plans for an emergency recall had been prepared as a matter of common prudence. Mr. Alexander enumerated the measures being taken to increase the reserves of the Armed Forces.

For Britain's general preparedness the building of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces "is one of the most urgent and necessary measures we are undertaking," he said. He outlined the Government's aim for the various Services as follows:

ARMY:

It was vital in the next few months that the strength of the Territorial Reserve Army should be increased by not less than 100,000 men and women; tens of thousands had come forward already and he hoped it would continue to expand.

AIR FORCE:

The Auxiliary Air Force and the Air Force Volunteer Reserve between them wanted another 60,000 volunteers. Recruits were also needed for the Observer Corps. There would be a scheme for the registration of reserves confined to men and women with previous experience of anti-aircraft work. This was expected to give the necessary reserve of manpower required for this work.

NAVY:

The Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve was seeking to increase its strength to 7,500 in the next six months, mostly from those who have already served.

"The Government attaches the greatest importance to the success of these schemes, but they do not diminish the need for the maximum voluntary recruitment of the auxiliary forces," the Defence Minister said.

CIVIL DEFENCE:

Thousands of men and women in the forces were now being trained in civil defence duties, except fire-fighting.

Mr. Alexander said that there would be new types of armament for the gradual re-equipment of Britain's post-war forces. "We must look ahead. We shall not allow our present problems to distract us from the vital task of assuring that, in the many new fields, we shall be abreast of, if not ahead of, development elsewhere."

Depleted Stocks

Britain's stocks had become depleted since the end of the war and were not well-balanced. Measures now taken provide for the increased production of certain of the latest types of armaments and for the reconditioning of certain other existing wartime equipment.

The production of the latest type of jet interceptor fighters was being increased, to nearly double the planned rate.

The rate of production of new armoured fighting vehicles was being increased. The planned rate of small arms ammunition was being doubled.

Anti-aircraft ammunition production was being greatly accelerated.

The Navy programme for the fighting ships and reserves was being speeded up. All three Services were taking steps with regard to essential spare parts.

Referring to the Government's decision on September 14 to increase the length of service by conscripts by three months, which would give an extra 80,000 men

at the end of the year, Mr. Alexander said the Armed Forces on January 1, 1949, would number about 825,000.

On April 1, 1949, it would be, according to the present plan, 790,000 as against 710,000—as originally planned.

"While putting our whole strength behind the development of the Western Union, we do not forget that Great Britain has a great part to play at the heart and centre of the British Commonwealth and we must continue to strengthen and improve the effective machinery by which common ideas are translated into common policy."

Colossal Test

"The whole question of defence of the Commonwealth will be further explored at the forthcoming meeting of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers," Mr. Alexander said.

Mr. Richard Crossman, Labour, said: "I believe that in the two years ahead war is unlikely but there will be a colossal test of strength as to whether a cold war shall lead to a shooting war."

"Our aim in this defence policy must not be to defeat the Russians but to deter them. The taken rearmament will contribute to this diplomatic end."

Mr. Frank Byers, Liberal, said: "We can no longer assume for planning purposes that there might be no war for another five years. He urged increasing the Regular Army to 400,000 but abolishing conscription."

Mr. Fred Bellenger, Labour and ex-War Minister, said: "The United States should provide some of the manpower and not merely the dollars. If that great nation were to provide a more substantial portion of the manpower, it would have a great effect upon Moscow."—Reuter.

PLAN TO STREAMLINE US ARMED FORCES

Washington, September 23. Congressional Army Service Committee members were called into a secret session today to review recommendations for streamlining the organization of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

The meeting may go far toward establishing a set of minimum demands for military reorganization.

Some members have demanded this in the unification programme in return for their support of military spending which is expected to pass US \$15,000,000,000 in the 1950 fiscal year.

Mr. Ferdinand Eberstadt, chairman of "Task Force 23" of former President Herbert Hoover's commission on governmental reorganization, requested the special conference.

Former chairman of the Army-Navy board and deputy chairman of the old War Production Board, Mr. Eberstadt is prominently mentioned as possible Secretary of Defence in the event of a Republican election victory this autumn.

One Chief Of Staff

His commission met yesterday to work on the draft of its report to Mr. Hoover. He then requested today's conference to enable key legislators to pass on his recommendations before they are put in final form.

Mr. Eberstadt's group has received many suggestions for the armed services.

INCREASED BURDEN ON AUSTRALIA

Canberra, September 24. Australia, as its strength grows, will bear an increasing responsibility in the defence of the British Commonwealth, Mr. John Dedman, Minister for Defence, said here on Thursday.

In a Defence statement during a budget debate in the House of Representatives, Mr. Dedman said this would be done by strengthening the Australian economy and increasing its population.

He said the government did not propose to vary the present £250,000,000 Australian five-year defence programme which provided the basis for expansion in an emergency.

The acceptance by Australia of responsibility for its development as main support area in the Pacific was related not only to the provision of armed forces, but to the participation in the strategic development and distribution of British Commonwealth resources, the Minister added.

Mr. Dedman said that one of the roles for which the Australian Army was planned was the provision of a base organisation "which will be needed to maintain not only the Australian forces, but also British Commonwealth or Allied forces who may be fighting in our part of the world."

Mr. Dedman rejected Opposition pleas for the introduction of compulsory universal service.—Associated Press.

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FRENCH GOVT APPROVES 15% WAGE INCREASE

Paris, September 23. The French Cabinet today decided on a general 15 per cent wage increase for French workers while the National Assembly passed a motion by 291 votes to 286 to admit a bill to postpone until March the local elections due to take place in October.

A detailed statement on the increases was being published later, it was learned. The trade unions had earlier called a nation-wide strike for a two-hour period tomorrow in protest against the rising cost of living.

Lords Reject New Bill

London, September 23. The House of Lords rejected today by 204 votes to 34 the Labour Government's Bill which would cut from two years to one the Peers' powers to delay legislation.

Despite the House of Lords' opposition, the Bill can become law if passed by the House of Commons in three successive sessions within two years.

It will be re-introduced in the House of Commons in the next session, beginning October 25. The Conservatives command a majority in the House of Lords and their leader, Lord Salisbury, said during the debate: "The Government have stripped the House of Lords of power and I would rather see it abolished altogether. Then the people would know where they stand."

Lord Salisbury added: "The Bill is a blatant attack upon the British people to deprive them of an essential safeguard against a hasty or irresponsible Government."

He denounced the proposed legislation, and likened the Bill to "a system of preventive arrests similar to that employed by totalitarian regimes."

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Moving Pica

In a moving plea for unity, the French Premier, M. Henri Queuille, told the Assembly: "The majority which undertook to accomplish this work has not the right to split over a question which, in spite of everything, is of a secondary order. The question is whether we are going to spare the country the misfortune of inflation."

This move represents a change of front on the part of the Government, which had earlier declared that it would leave the question to a free vote and would not take sides in the controversy.

The Assembly has already defeated a Socialist proposal to postpone the elections.

Last night and again this afternoon, the emergency Cabinet debated the wages increases to the workers who planned to stage a two-hours' strike tomorrow.

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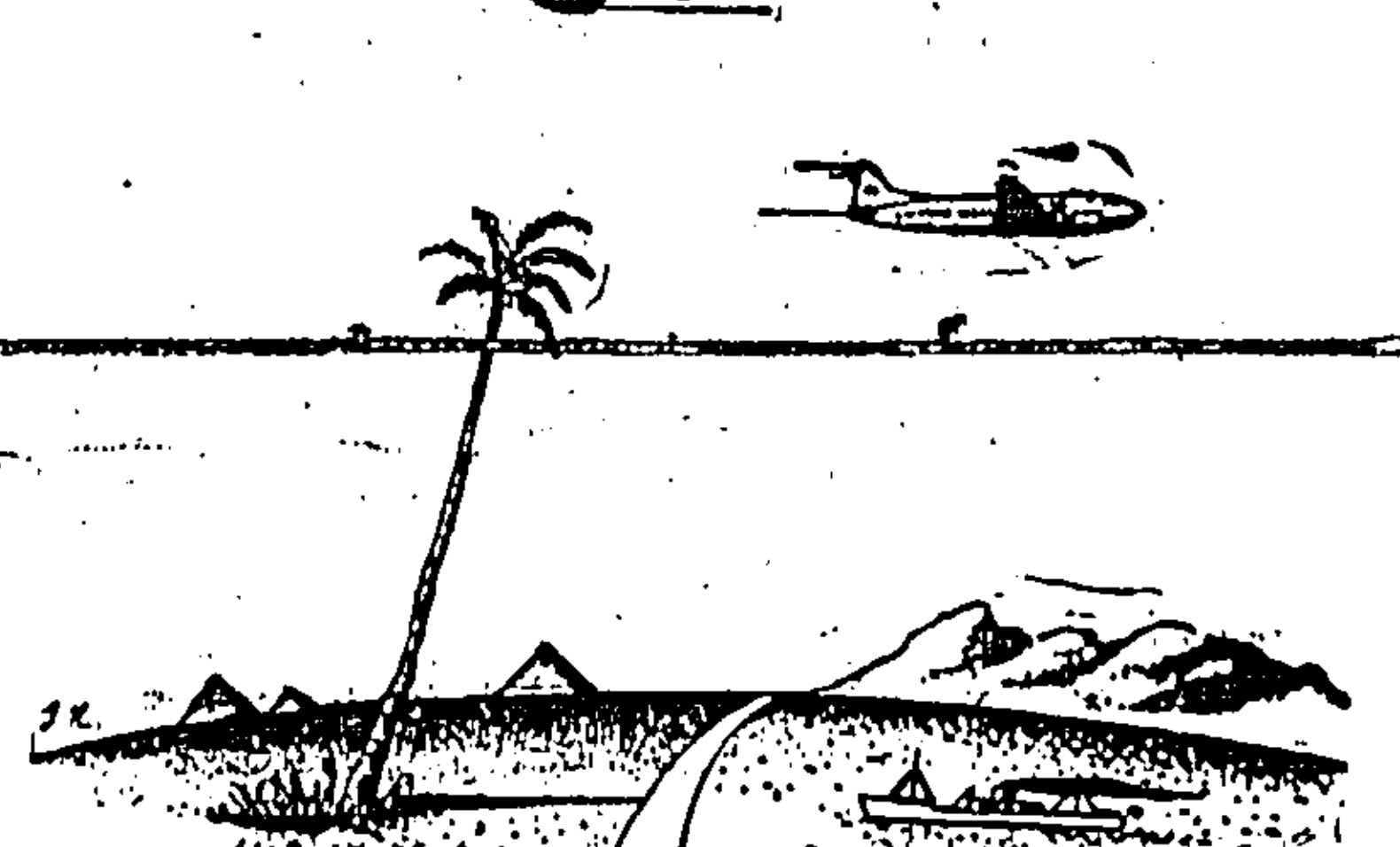
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Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

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The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office will close at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

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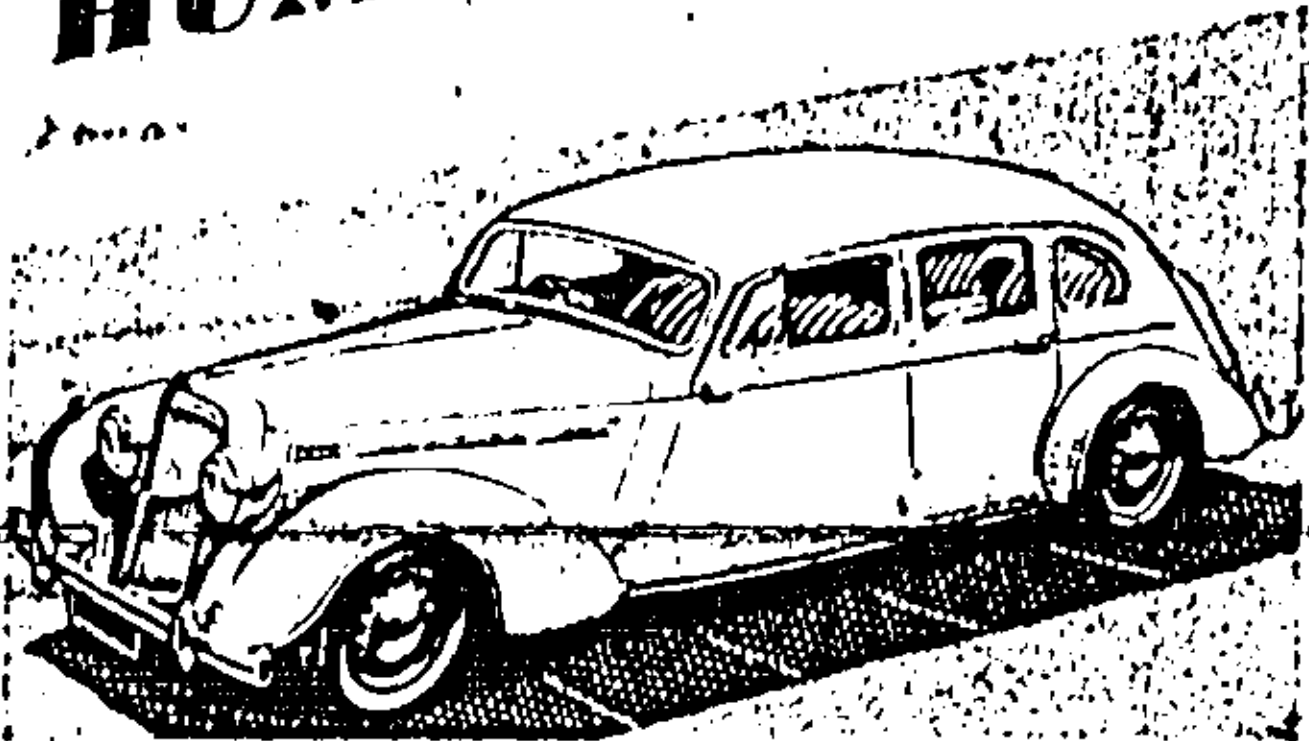
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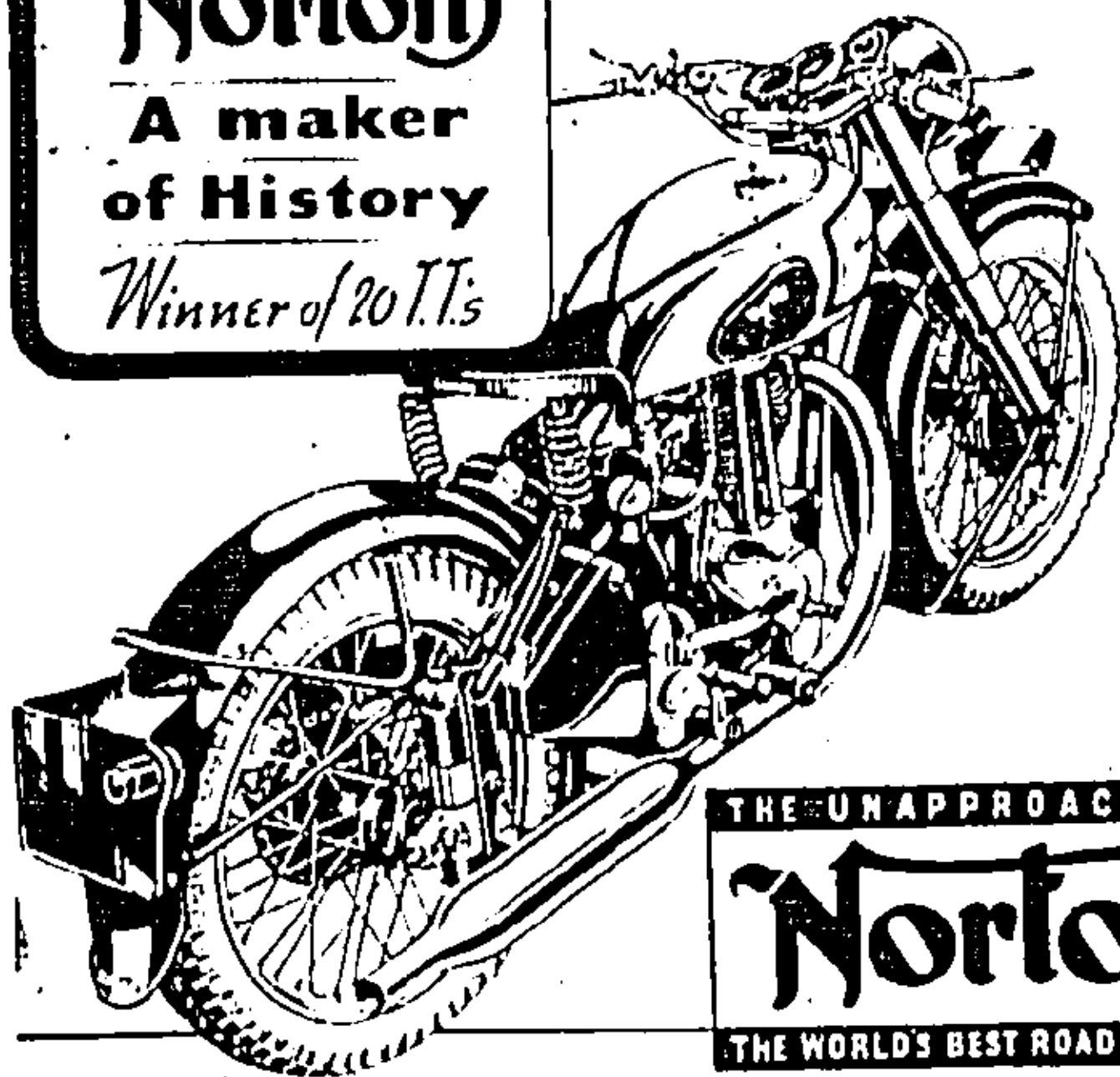
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It is a most attractive car at any price, and from whatever standard it may be judged it represents real and first-class competition to any car anywhere in the world.

A Vanguard recently tested by "The Motor" has 56.5 h.p. and runs comparatively low miles, and the weather on the day on which the performance figures were obtained was exceedingly bad. Rain fell almost continuously and often in torrents, the roads were water-logged and the figures obtained thus represent a pessimistic picture of the car's potential performance.

Despite these handicaps it was found that the maximum speed was nearly 60 m.p.h. with a mean speed comfortably in excess of 45 m.p.h. Fuel consumption remained better than 65 m.p.h. and on a 1 in 20 gradient (the steepest recommended for a main road hill in England) the car would maintain 65 m.p.h. It is safe to say that no British car with a catalogue price of under £500 will approach these performances.

They are evidently competitive with vehicles of considerably greater capacity but are obtained by no freak design, but by a sensible relation of engine capacity to car size, weight, and body form. In brief, an engine of 15 h.p. and 2.1 litres' capacity has been installed in a car which stands midway in wheel-base between the 8 and 14 h.p. cars previously made by the same company.

Sense In Design

Forethought was shown again in the general design of a body which provides adequate leg room for the front and rear passengers and, by extending the full width of the wheel track, accommodates four people with abundant elbow room, and six in reasonable comfort.

The placing of three people on the front seat is, of course, aided by the bench-type seat and a steering-column gear lever, and the flatness of the floor ensures that there is no difficulty regarding leg room.

The relatively small size of the car is an advantage both for accommodating it in the average

domestic garage (an important aspect to many buyers), and also in keeping weight down, and in this latter respect there can be few cars which weigh less than 4 cwt. per passenger.

Speaking in absolute units, the car (unladen) has 56.5 h.p. and runs at 60 m.p.h., and displaces 1,150 litres per ton mile, and the engine thus has a relatively easy task in providing good performance without running at excessive speed or at very high mean effective pressures.

But the hallmark of a distinguished design is not so much the performance on paper as the manner in which this performance is achieved, and the Vanguard passes this test with flying colours.

Engine And Gears

At the outside it is as well to answer two pertinent questions which will be asked by buyers all over the world. These are: "How does the four-cylinder, 2-litre engine compare with a six-cylinder of the same capacity?" and "Does the car suffer by reason of the three-speed gearbox?" As is usual in technical matters the replies must indicate a balance of debit and credit.

Taking first the matter of three speeds, the data chart shows that the engineers have, in effect, omitted the usual second ratio and on the open road, the car behaves as though fitted with an ordinary four-speed synchromesh box, the 50 m.p.h. obtainable on second gear being as fast as the speed normally to be obtained on third.

At very low speeds in traffic, however, a single change into second leaves one in rather too high a ratio, and first, on the other hand, seems somewhat low. Also there may, of course, be circumstances, such as carrying an exceptionally heavy load, when the car will be forced off second gear on a hill and speed would then be limited to the 20-23 m.p.h. which is the maximum comfortable on bottom gear.

As against these debits there is a saving of weight in the gearbox, and synchromesh is provided on all three ratios with special provision for the

World Class



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Taking now the engine: the torque reaction of the comparatively large four-cylinder engine is admittedly noticeable below 15 m.p.h. on top gear, and for traffic work most drivers would probably prefer to use the quite comparatively high second ratio at or below this speed. The merits of the four-cylinder engine are manifest, not only in ease of production and maintenance, good fuel consumption and simplicity, but also in the more inappreciable "feel" of the power unit in the upper part of the speed ranges.

Quiet And Smooth

Even when running on high top gear, and with all reasonable care taken to insulate engine noise and vibration from the passenger compartments, six-cylinder engines of less than 3 litres capacity almost invariably give the impression that they are running fast, whereas the Vanguard has a most pleasant feeling of running well within its powers even when at maximum speed on full throttle.

Particularly in the speed range of 50-70 m.p.h. on the speedometer (which was only 5 per cent. optimistic at the highest speeds) the engine seems to go to sleep and the car literally streams along on part throttle as though aided by a strong following wind.

The silence and smoothness of the engine are backed up, as it were, by very low wind noise, for which credit must be given to the smooth lines of the body, which is almost free of protuber-

ances, and the V screen, so pronounced is this quiet running at high speeds that for the first 50 miles or so anyone strange to the car has to drive it on the instruments, and even so will travel 10 or 15 m.p.h. faster than estimated, or arrive behind other traffic, or on corners, a good deal quicker than anticipated.

Once used to the car, however, really high average speeds can be put up with very little fatigue and, perhaps even more important, entire absence of mental strain and anxiety. In the steering and suspension the Vanguard represents a compromise between American and European schools of thought and it is very refreshing to discover that the bounce, continuous movement and excessive roll of the very softly sprung American cars have been eschewed.

Sound Suspension

The suspension is indeed noticeably firm on average roads below 20 m.p.h., but it copes with very rough surfaces in a praiseworthy fashion and is outstandingly good at high speeds on main roads either on the straight or when cornering.

Roll is reduced to minor proportions by the employment of an anti-roll bar connecting the rear wheels, and the stiffness at the back thus imparted ensures that under extreme conditions, such as might be met in emergencies, the driver is confronted with a back-wheel, and not with a front-wheel skid, and is the more easily able to control the car.

The steering itself is moderately geared and quite free from reaction from the front wheels.

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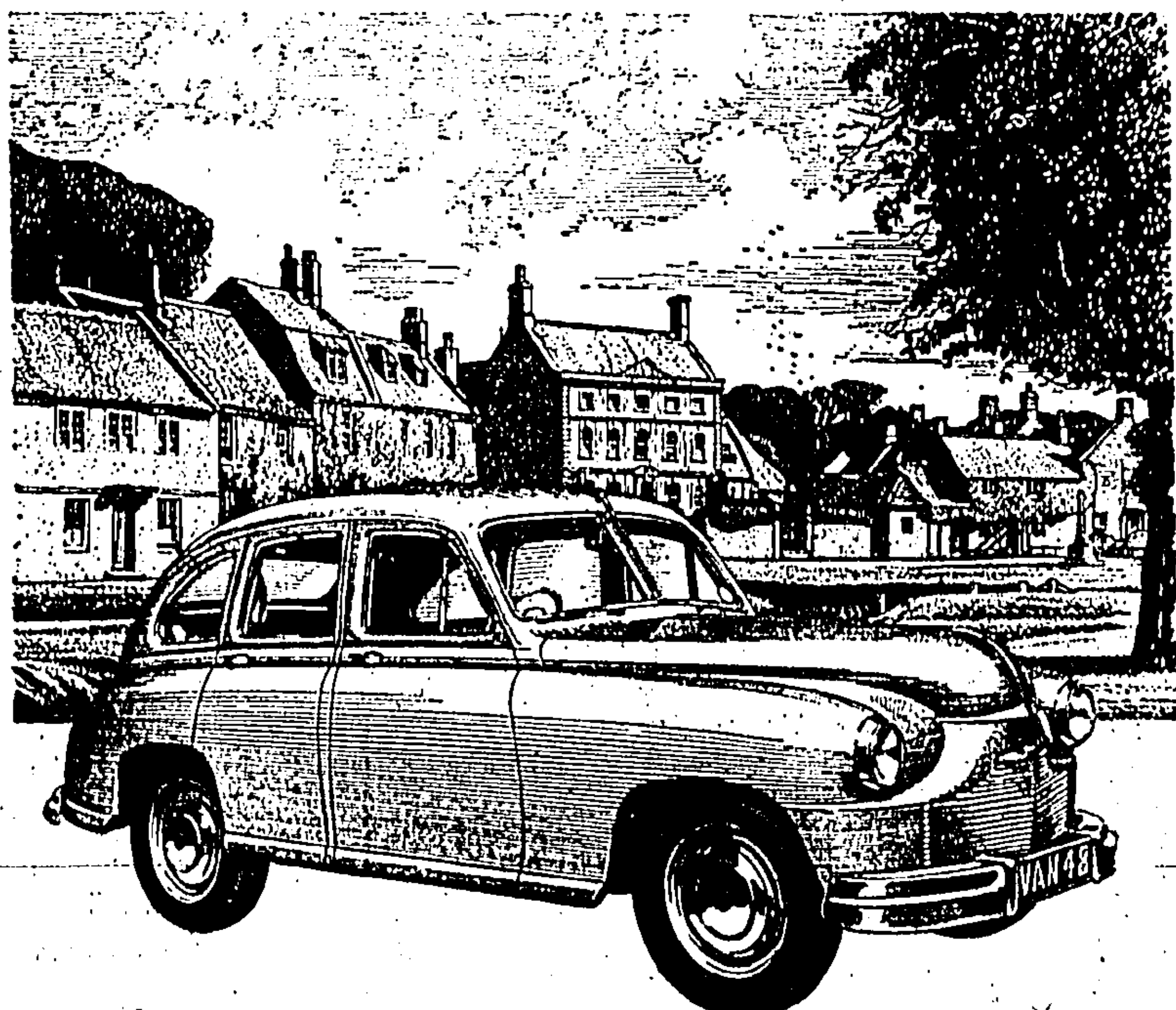
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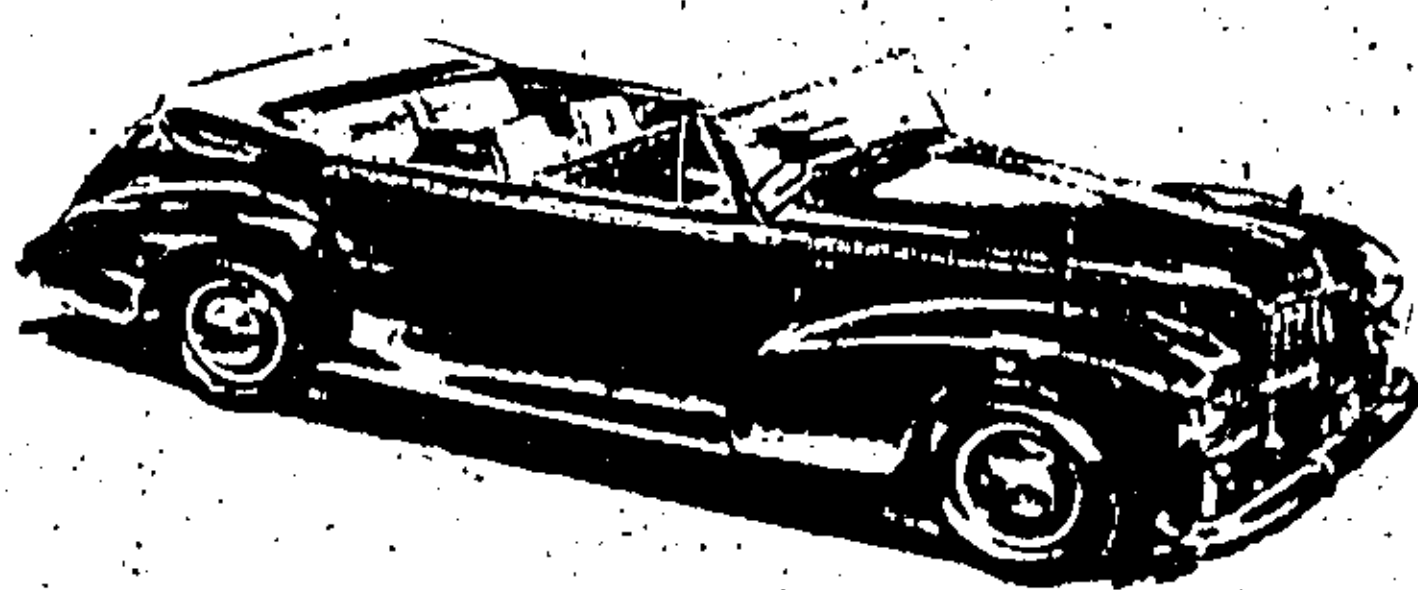
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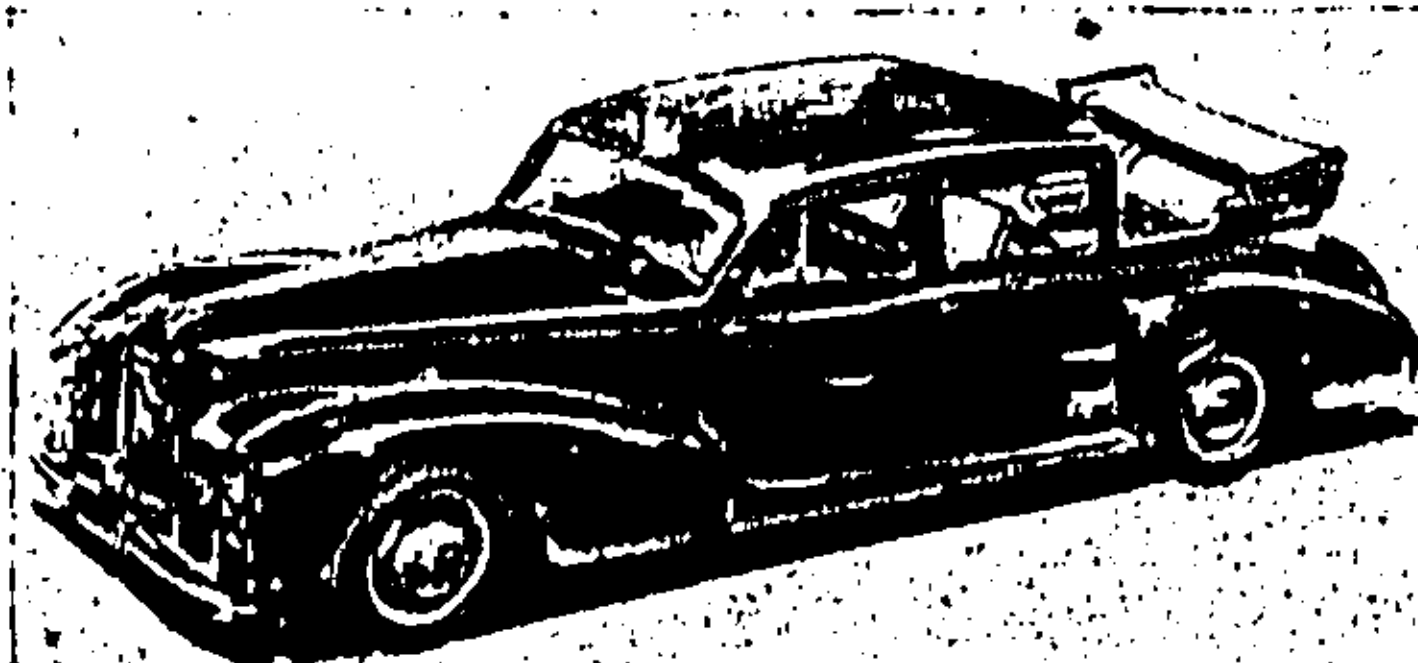
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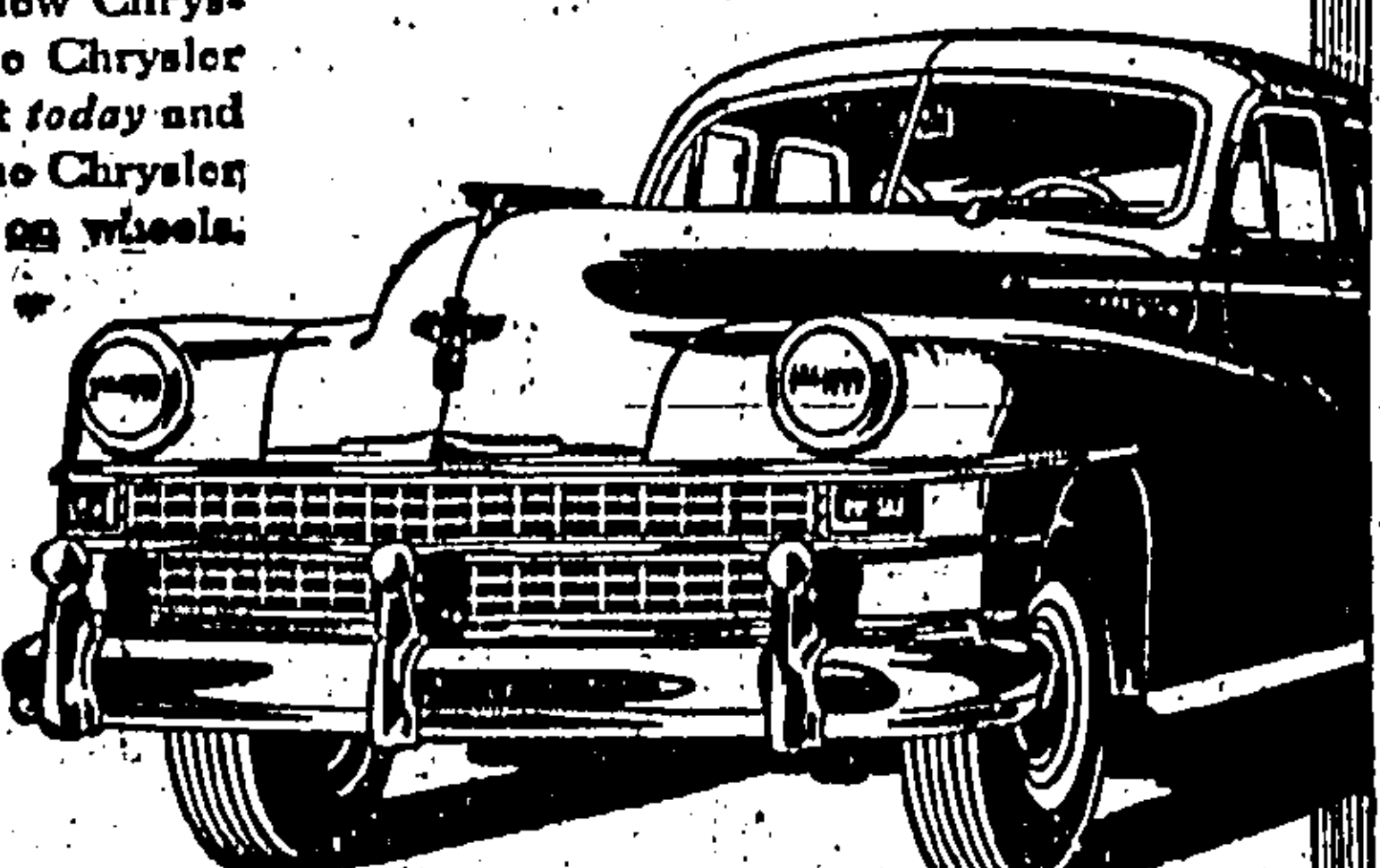
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JAVA COMMUNISTS ON DEFENSIVE

Republican Troops Drive To Within 12 Miles Of Madiun

FALL OF CITY IMMINENT

Batavia, September 23.

A state of siege has been declared in Republican-held East Java where fighting with the Communists is taking place, the Republican news agency, Antara, reported tonight.

The Indonesian Republican military headquarters in Jogjakarta have declared it a special military area and have appointed General Soengkono, commander of the Republican forces there, as Military Governor.

Indonesian Republican troops, driving forward in three columns, today pushed the Communists back to within 12½ miles of their East Java stronghold of Madiun, the agency reported.

The military authorities in Jogjakarta, the Republican capital, expressed confidence that Madiun would soon be recaptured. Besides Madiun, the Communists still control part of Magetan, to the West, and part of Ponorogo, to the South, Antara added.

Republican forces were fighting off the rebels trying to seize the aerodrome at Madiun, six miles East of Madiun. In Nganjuk, a nearby railway center, they forestalled a Communist drive and disarmed local members of the Socialist Youth Movement.

Cut To Pieces

The Communist-controlled radio at Madiun, which last night broadcast a call for supporters throughout Indonesia to "guard

against attacks and stay on the offensive," today reported that Madiun had been proclaimed in the Madiun district.

The Dutch Army today captured the bodies of two Dutch soldiers, literally cut to pieces with native knives, had been found in West Java.

One of the soldiers was still alive when found on September 12 but died soon afterwards. They were leaders of a single patrol in September 14 when ambushed and captured.

By Anna Spierdijk, former Socialist Union Minister of the Indonesian Republic, speaking over the Communist-controlled Madiun radio tonight, said that cooperation with the Dutch Army affairs in the proposed

SERIOUS SPLIT IN HUK RANKS

Manila, September 24.

As the combined Constabulary and Army forces intensified pressure on the Hukbalahaps trapped in the Candaba Swamps, reports from Nueva Ecija said a serious split in Hukbalahap ranks there was threatening to flare up in a bloody factional fight among Nueva Ecija dissidents.

At the same time, an unconfirmed report said a few thousand Huk were in mass retreat from their stronghold in Mount Arayat in Pampanga and apparently were heading for the mountains of Zambales.

Meanwhile, operations against the Huk extended as far as Panosian Province, where the Constabulary was reported to be shelling a concentration of about 1,000 Huk on the outskirts of the town of Uminga.

The rift between Huk in Nueva Ecija, where large con-

centrations of dissidents are operating, allegedly stemmed from the death sentence passed by Jose de Leon, Huk commander in chief in Nueva Ecija, to a Huk officer for abduction.

After the execution, relatives of the officer, seeded from de Leon's ranks and aided the Huk general headquarters town of Alange, resulting in a heavy battle in which both factions sustained undetermined casualties.

Flee To Bataan

De Leon was one of the top-ranking Huk who took advantage of the amnesty proclamation, but later went back to the field when the amnesty appeared to be a failure.

Cabanatuan, provincial capital of Nueva Ecija, has been placed under Constabulary control due to an emergency arising from the continuous pouring in of village people fleeing from Huk-Constabulary encounters. Several murders occurred recently in villages around Cabanatuan.

The Governor of Bataan Province has asked President Quirino for the establishment of an evacuee camp in Bataan, saying the result of Central Luzon operations was that numerous civilians and also Huk remnants were fleeing to Bataan.

The Constabulary continued to be silent on details of the Candaba operations, but press reports indicated heavy shelling of the Huk bastion was continuing under the direction of aerial spotters.—United Press.

LIKE WILD WEST BUT HORSES ARE MISSING

Kuala Lumpur, September 24.

The picturesque frontier days of America's Wild West have reappeared in this capital of the Malayan Federation.

Gun-toting is now part of the daily costume, sometimes dubbed the "new look," since Communist-led insurgents opened their campaign in the Malayan peninsula.

Cars Instead

No longer is it uncommon to watch men saunter through swinging bar doors with two pistols strapped to their hips.

The only things missing are the horses. Instead, these rubber planters and tin miners drive up in cars, with the windows down and the snout of a rifle pointing out.

Nor is it uncommon to watch a young couple walk into a large department store while carrying a rifle.

Store managers take no notice. "If we thought everyone enter-

ing our shop with a gun was a police officer," one manager said, "we would never do any business these hectic days."

Invited to a home on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur, you no longer first greet your host with a friendly handshake. Instead, you first say "Hello, there. Where shall I put my gun?"

Armed Correspondents—The gun-disposal ceremony, you start with the customary pleasantries between guest and host.

For travelling purposes, the gun has replaced the proverbial toothbrush in Malaya.

Even correspondents, noted for their scrupulous neutrality in all clashes, carry guns. Rules of warfare do not apply in guerrilla campaigns.—United Press.

Nearly Tito's Last Bridge

Trieste, September 23. The news agency Astra today reported that Marshal Tito escaped an assassination attempt made today while he was motoring in Yugoslavia. The report said, "Partisan elements mind the bridge across which Tito was expected to pass during his recent visit to Dalmatia, but the plot was broken up."—United Press.

All Guards In Malaya Trained

London, September 23.

The War Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, tonight denied that some of the Guardsmen sent to Malaya recently had only had a few weeks' training.

Mr. Oliver Lyttleton, Conservative, had said, during a debate on defence in the House of Commons, that a great number of the Guardsmen recently sent to Malaya had only a few weeks' training and some had not completed their weapon training.

Challenged by Mr. Shinwell to give evidence to support his allegation, Mr. Lyttleton said that he had been told by serving officers of the Brigade of Guards.

Mr. Shinwell described Mr. Lyttleton's allegations as "unfounded and astonishing."

"I have the highest respect for the Guards, but there is nothing sacrosanct about them or any reason why there should be such a hullabaloo about the Guards regiments being sent to Malaya. It was done on expert advice."

"Of the Brigade of Guards sent to Malaya, only 400 were conscripts. The majority were regular members of the forces and not a single man was sent to Malaya without having had at least six months' basic training."—Reuter.

FORTUNE AND 11 BODIES IN WRECKED PLANE

Portland, Oregon, September 23.

The bodies of 11 men and a fortune in gold bullion and currency were reported to have been found in the wreckage of a United States transport plane which had been missing for five years in the mountains of North Western Canada.

Mrs. H. Smith said her husband telephoned her from Edmonton that a ground party had reached a C-47 Dakota and had dug bullion and currency from the snow and put it under guard, preparatory to turning it over to the authorities.

The plane was presumed to be a Dakota transport which disappeared on February 5, 1943, on a wartime flight from British Columbia to the Yukon territory.

At that time it was reported that the plane carried some \$850,000 to pay Army troops in Alaska.

U.S. Air Force officials in Washington did not confirm the report, but said they were investigating.

The wreck was discovered 200 miles north of Fort St. John, 20 miles from Tuscote Lake.—United Press.

Burma Communists Now Resort To Guerilla Tactics

Rangoon, September 23.

Four Communist leaders and 36 others were killed in an encounter at Toungoo, on the railway midway between Rangoon and Mandalay, a Burmese Government communique tonight stated.

It also reported minor actions at Insein, in the outer suburbs of Rangoon, and the Henzada district in the Irrawaddy Delta.

The Burmese Government's battle against the insurgents, including the Red Flag and White Flag Communists, has changed its pattern since the capture of Promé.

Clashes Continue

Daily clashes continue to be reported in Government communique, but since the Government has had this communication centre, North West of Rangoon, back in their hands, there has been no clearly defined battle front.

The insurgents have resorted to guerilla tactics, striking at Government positions, disrupting communications, burning villages and looting treasures and rice shops as opportunity offers and then withdrawing to their lairs in the steaming, air-soaked jungles.

The Government now control two trunk railways from Rangoon Northwards to the temple city of Mandalay and North-Westwards to Prome. But traffic is occasionally halted when insurgents blow up bridges and the railway tracks.

The Government have established repair gangs at strategic points along the line.

During the past week, communique have reported for the first time alazab's clashes in the Arakan Division of Western Burma—scene of some of the 14th Army's grimmest battles against the Japanese during the war.

Navy Strikes

In one clash in Arakan, Government troops are reported to have killed more than 100 insurgents.

Communique have also reported the loss and recapture by Government troops of a number of townlets in the fertile rice-growing Irrawaddy Delta area, where network of waterways favour an insurgent type of warfare.

Burma Navy patrol boats have struck hard at the insurgents in the Delta, driving from the stream or sending landing parties ashore to ferret out insurgent nests of resistance.

Disturbances reported in other parts of the country include localised communist incidents which are separate from the main Communist initiated insurrection.

The situation, however, was regarded as sufficiently serious for the Burmese President, Sao Shwe Thaik, to announce a state of emergency throughout Burma.—Reuter.

NATIONALISTS LOSE S. MANCHURIAN TOWNS

Peiping, September 24.

The Communists returned to the attack against the Peiping-Mukden railroad and captured three towns South of the Great Wall, man-made frontier between China proper and Manchuria.

The towns were listed as Changli, Anshan and Shihmen, Changli is 40 miles from the wall and the other two points are a little farther South.

All three previously were lost and regained by the Nationalists, who only two days ago had boasted that the Communists were in general retreat and the railway was being repaired.

Latest developments suggests that the Communists are determined to keep the Nationalist land corridor to Manchuria ruptured.

It also shows the Communists are capable of cutting the railway almost at will.

Meanwhile, small-scale fighting continued in the Manchurian section of the railway zone. Pro-Government reports claimed the Nationalists killed more than 300 Communists in a clash South-West of Hsingsheng, a town 65 miles inside Manchuria.

Nationalist Stronghold

A large number were also said to be killed in engagement five miles North of Chihnsien, 40 miles farther and most important Nationalist stronghold in Manchuria after Mukden. No estimate was given.

Several thousand Communists were reported to occupy the highway between Chihnsien and Hsien, 30 miles to the North.

Hsien itself is being sporadically shelled by the Communists.

The capture of Hsien is necessary in the supposed Communist plan to isolate Chihnsien, which lately has been a vital point in the airlifting of supplies to Mukden. These supplies are landed at Hsien, only Nationalist-held seaport in Manchuria.

There were further reports of Communist concentrations around Tatum, coal and communications centre in Northern Shansi. Intensive Nationalist recruiting is said to be in progress in the adjoining province of Suiyuan, presumably because a Communist threat would develop if Tatum fell.—Associated Press.

PASSENGERS TAKEN FROM WRECKED SHIP

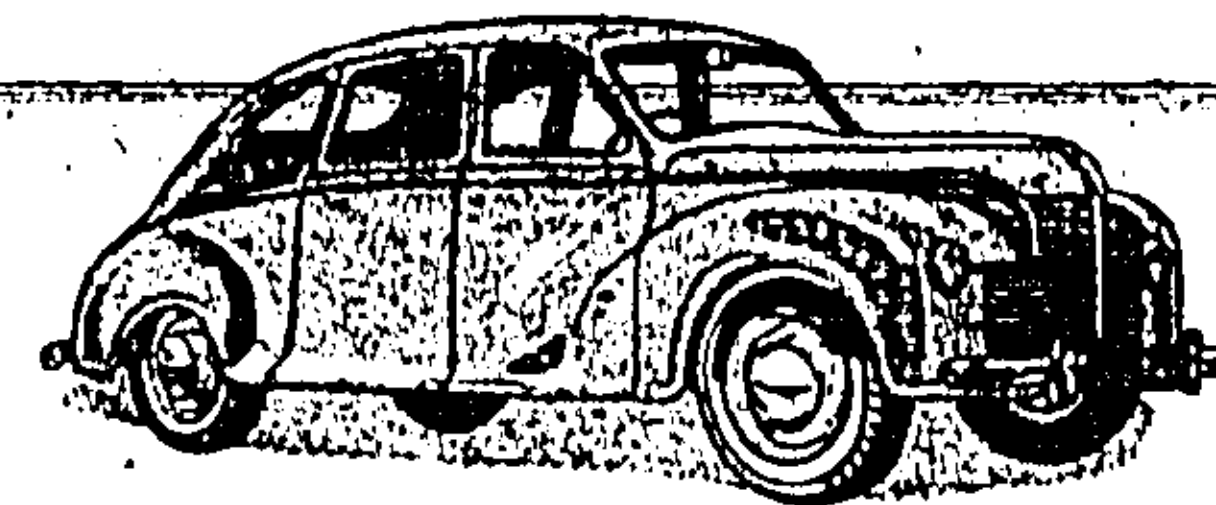
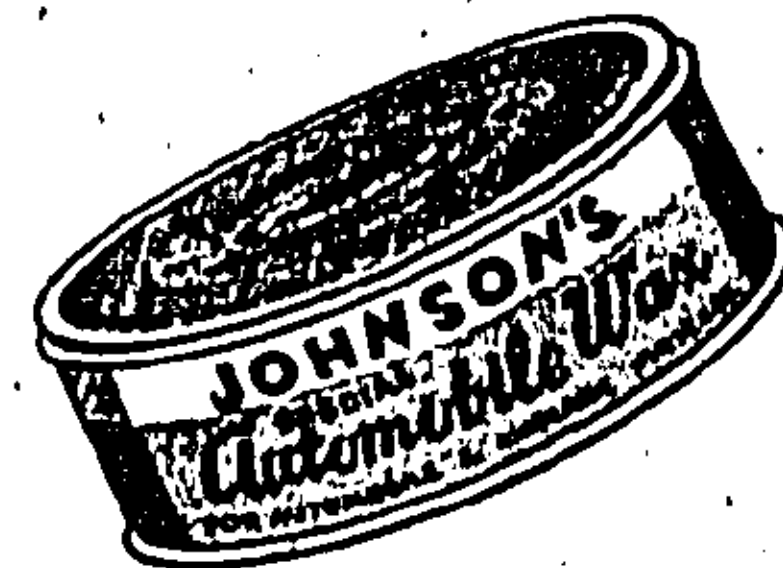
Miami, September 24.

Six passengers have been taken from the British freighter Lochmonar grounded off Little Cayman Island, but the crew of 67 remain on board the ship.

The steamship Caymanin took the passengers off on Wednesday en route to Kingston, Jamaica. The tug Curb is standing by for salvage operations.—Associated Press.

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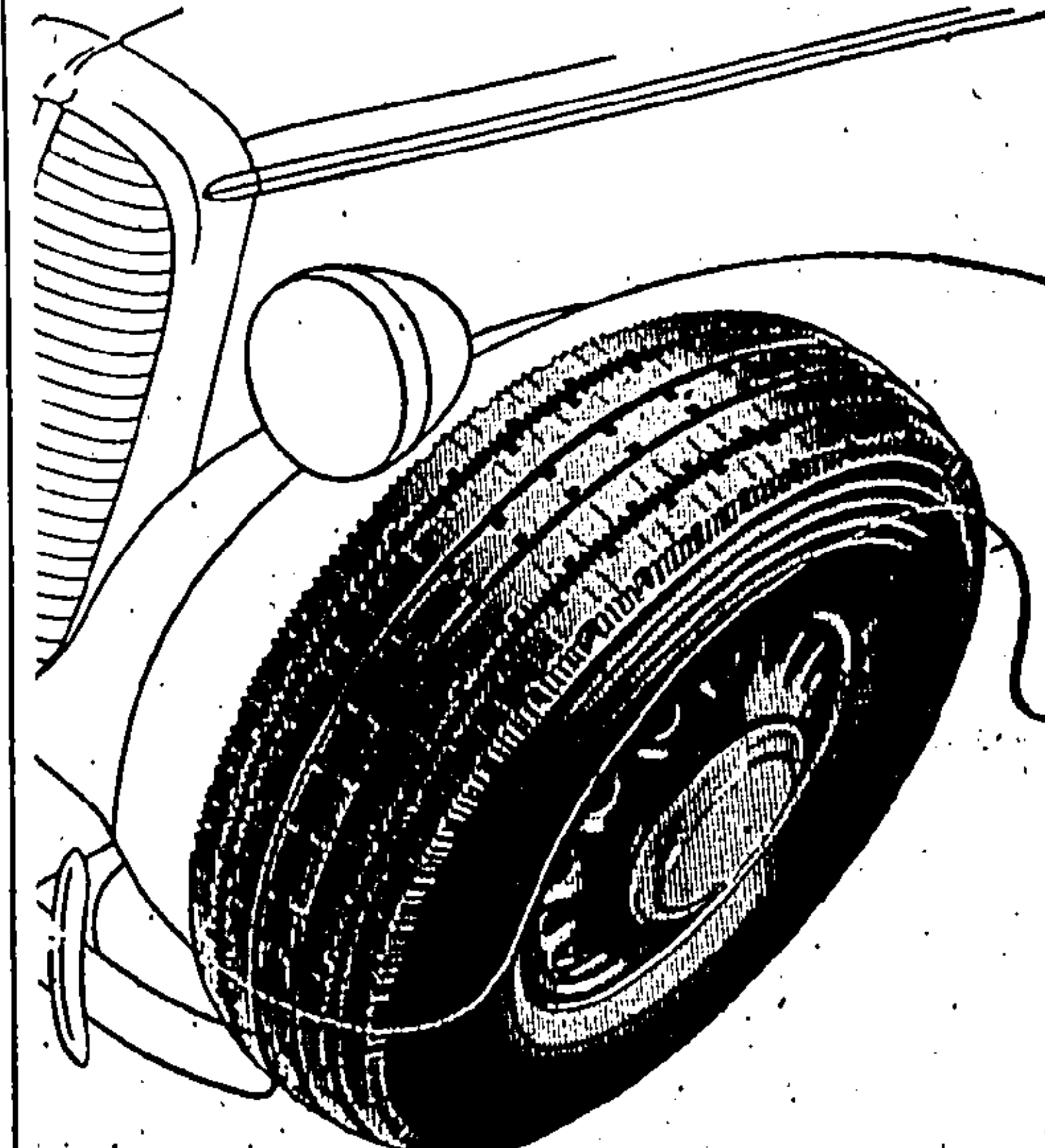
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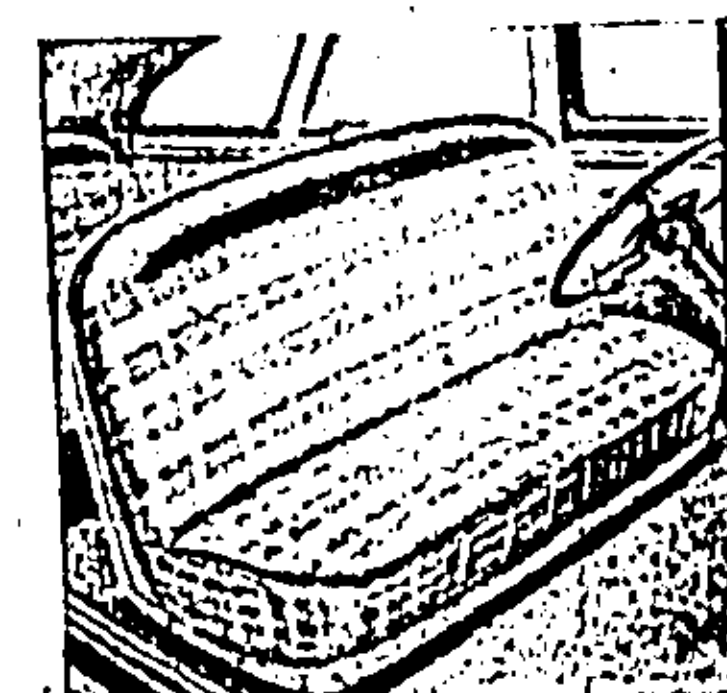
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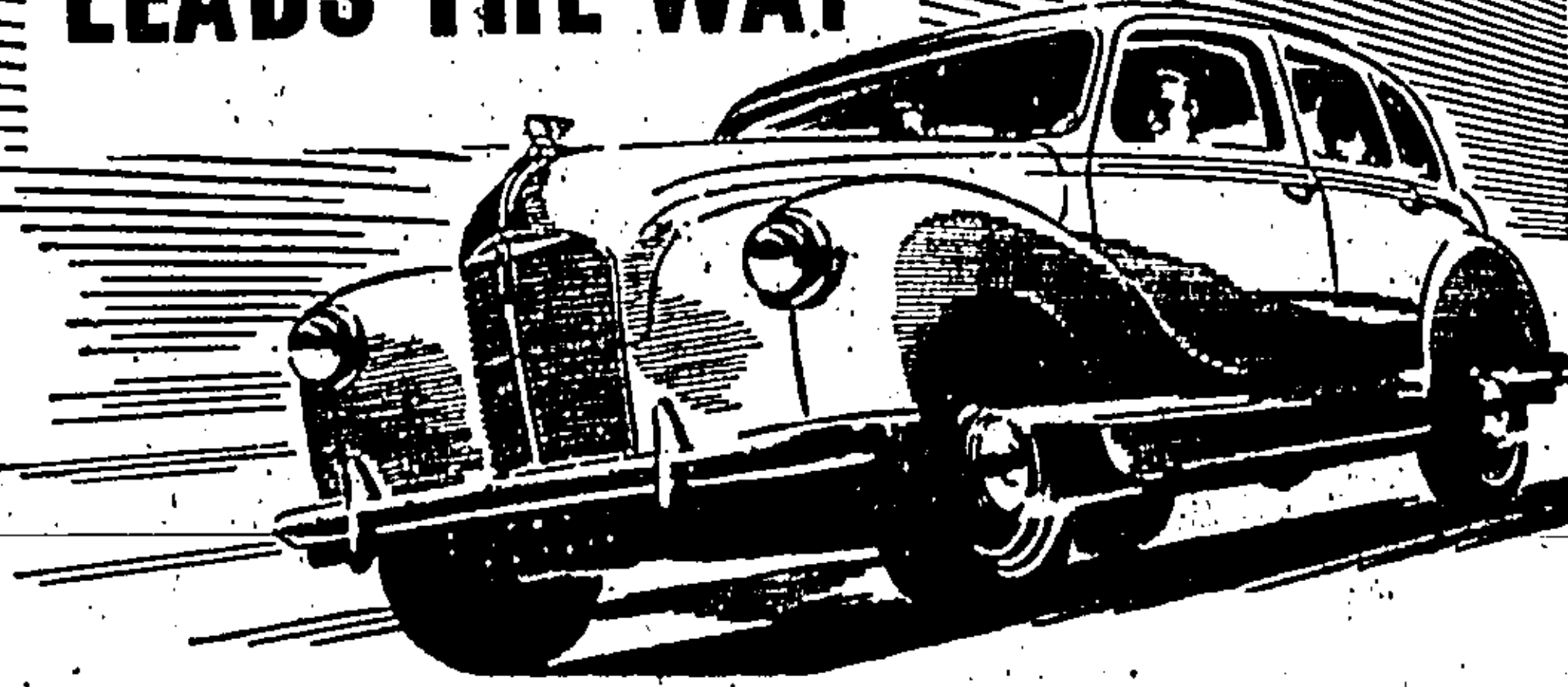
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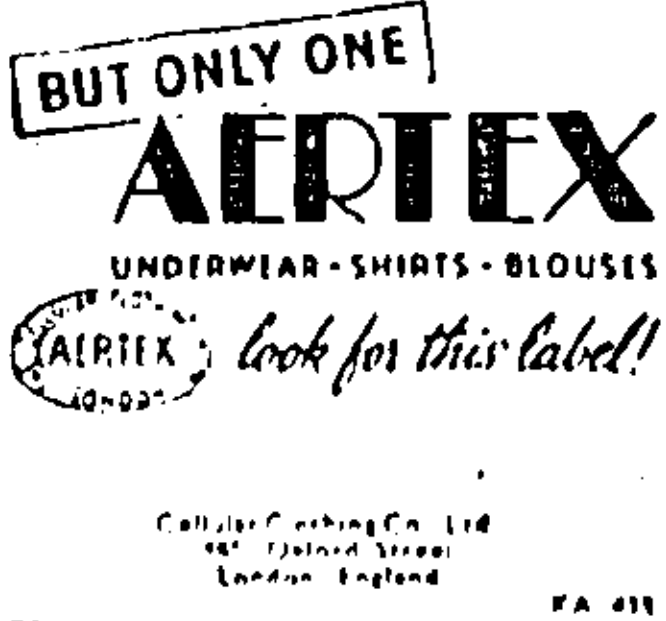
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Nanking, September 24. President Chiang Kai-shek has won the opening rounds of a battle to take government funds out of the hands of his generals through a system of modern military finance. The new procedure—one vigorously opposed by some subordinate commanders—became effective on September 1 in 91 units of the army. They will be applied on October 1 to 94 more and thereafter will be extended to cover all military activities of the Chinese Government.

The system is the result of several months work by the American Advisory Group in China. It is a simplification of

US Urges Halt By UK And France

Washington, September 23. The United States has asked Britain and France to stop dismantling Bizonia plants which may be included in the plan for curtailing reparations. It was learned authoritatively here today.

It is not known whether the British and French Governments intend to comply.

The American Government, it is understood, has only urged the halting of dismantling of other countries of industries whose retention in Germany may be agreed eventually as contributing to European recovery and its request is for the British and French Governments to "down tools" while it makes up its mind.

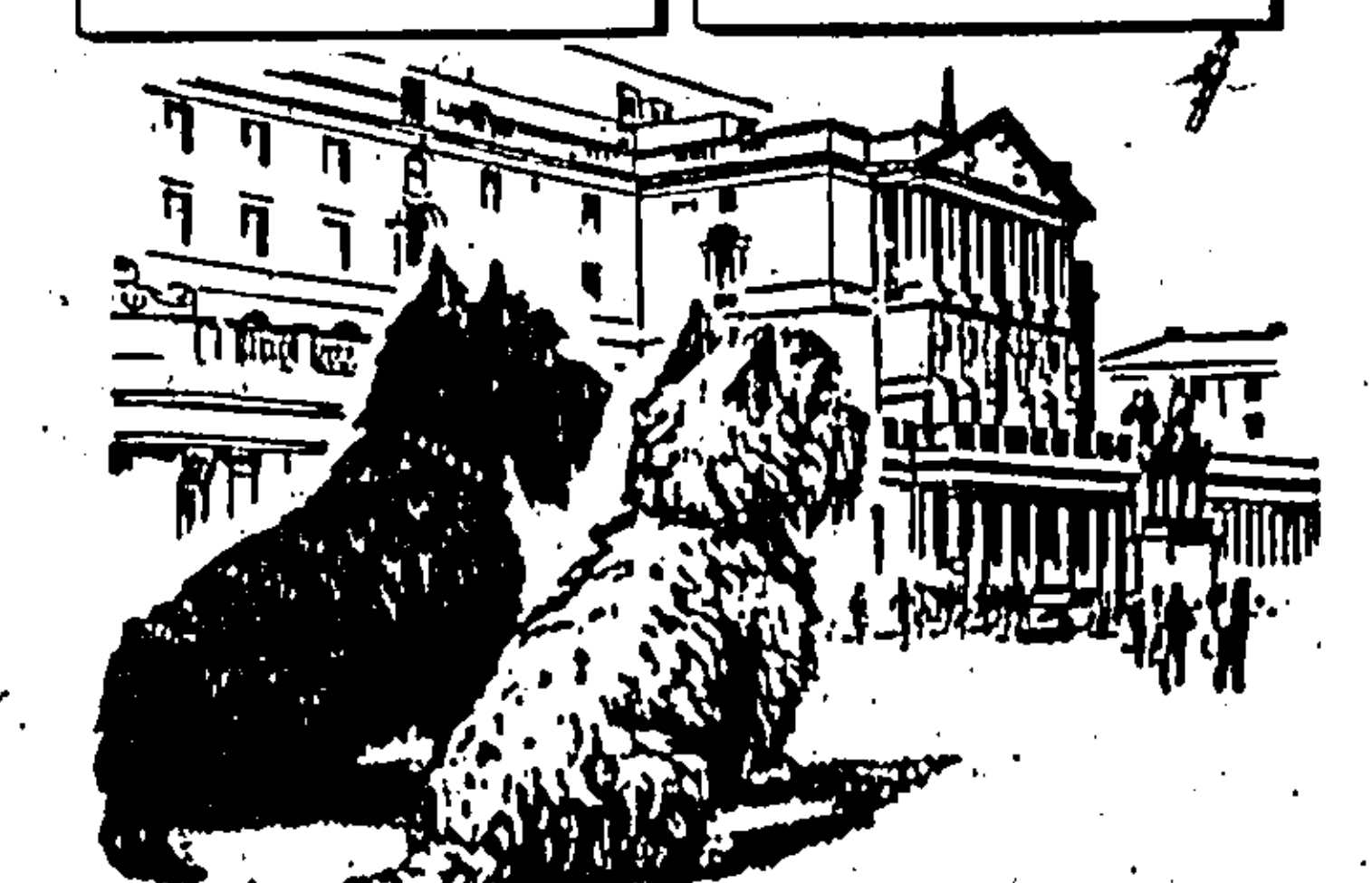
The American action was taken while the advisory committee appointed by Mr. Paul Hoffman, the Marshall Plan administrator, is drawing up a list of plants to retain in Germany.

It is understood that the request for the suspension of dismantling covers approximately 90 plants in the French Zone.

The number of plants in the British Zone to be affected is not disclosed but in view of the heavier concentration of industry there it is presumed to be larger. —Reuter.

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Five Million In US Draft

Washington, September 23. Selective Service Headquarters today disclosed that 5,208,663 young men in 37 States and territories had registered for the peacetime draft between August 30 and September 18. Eleven States have not yet reported.

Therefore, 1,364,401 registrants, reported to be non-veterans 18-26 years of age, are liable to be drafted. —United Press.

Nizam Withdraws Complaint

Paris, September 23. The Nizam of Hyderabad has cabled to the United Nations direct to withdraw his country's complaint against India. It was announced here tonight.

He said that the Hyderabad delegation to the United Nations headed by the Hyderabad Foreign Secretary, Mr. Nawab Moin Nawaz Jung, "has now ceased to have any authority to represent me or my state."

The Nizam's cable, dated yesterday, said he had addressed the following letter to Mr. Trygve Lie, the United Nations Secretary General:

"This morning I read with surprise in the newspapers that Mr. Zahir Ahmed (Hyderabad External Affairs Minister) stated before the Security Council that no instructions had been received by him asking him to withdraw the Hyderabad case from the Security Council.

"On September 18, 1946, I sent a message which was duly communicated to Mr. Nawab Moin Nawaz Jung ordering him to withdraw Hyderabad's case from the Security Council. I also asked my Agent, General in New Delhi to get in touch with Mr. Nawab Moin Nawaz Jung and communicate to him the said order.

"To resolve all doubts in the matter, I now formally address this letter to you and request you to note that the complaint made by my Government to the Security Council has been withdrawn by me. I would add for your information that on September 17, 1946, the Ministry of whose instance the complaint was made, resigned, and I personally assumed the charge of my state.

"The delegation to the Security Council which had been sent at the instance of the said Ministry has now ceased to have any authority to represent me or my state." —Reuter.

Alleged British Spy To Hang; 32 Others Held As US Spies

Prague, September 23. A Czech Army captain has been sentenced to death, charged with spying for the British. The government said 32 other persons are under arrest, accused of spying for the United States.

The captain, Rudolf Hrazdil, was sentenced last night to be hanged for high treason and crimes against the People's Democratic Regime. He was accused of turning information over to the British and the United States.

The announcement came during a search for persons circulating anti-government statements charging that former Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk was murdered.

The government called Masaryk's death a "monstrous crime" and a "monstrous act" of the government. Masaryk was suspended last June from the Catholic priesthood because of his political activity. —Associated Press.

TASK FORCE TO VISIT FAR EAST

Washington, September 24. Naval Task Force 38, operating with two carriers and supporting warships, will sail for Far East ports, including China, on October 1.

A Navy spokesman said the carriers, *Tarawa* and *Princeton*, and their screening craft would be on a regularly-scheduled routine cruise, visiting the usual ports of Yokosuka, Japan, and Tsingtao in China. It is expected that one or perhaps two destroyer divisions—a division normally consists of four ships—and about three cruisers will accompany the 27,000-ton Essex Class carriers.

The Task Force presumably will be at sea or in Far East ports for three or four months if the pattern of similar cruises is followed.

The article, written from Tsingtao by Darrell Barrigan, is entitled "Our Navy Trapped in China?"

It reports that a small Naval unit, commanded by a Rear Ad-

UK Expects To Export Potatoes

London, September 23. Britain's potato harvest looks so good that it is expected large supplies will be left over for export.

This is attributed to the tremendous efforts made by home growers in response to the Government's appeal for more acreage to be used for potatoes, and its offer to buy the potatoes which growers cannot sell if the market is over-supplied.

The Ministry of Food has already bought 75,000 tons of the early and second early crops for animal consumption. The normal price is £4 a ton.

"Vast quantities are likely to be bought by the Ministry and kept in reserve," an official of the Food Ministry said.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Agriculture is appealing for between 15,000 and 20,000 volunteers to get the potato harvest in. As an inducement to workers, camp boarding fees have been reduced to 14/- a week. —Reuter.

miral, is at Tsingtao, China coast port across the Yellow Sea from Korea. The city, held by Nationalist Government forces, is menaced by advancing Communist forces.

The writer quotes Navy enlisted men as concerned over the fact that Russian air fields are only two flying hours away from Tsingtao.

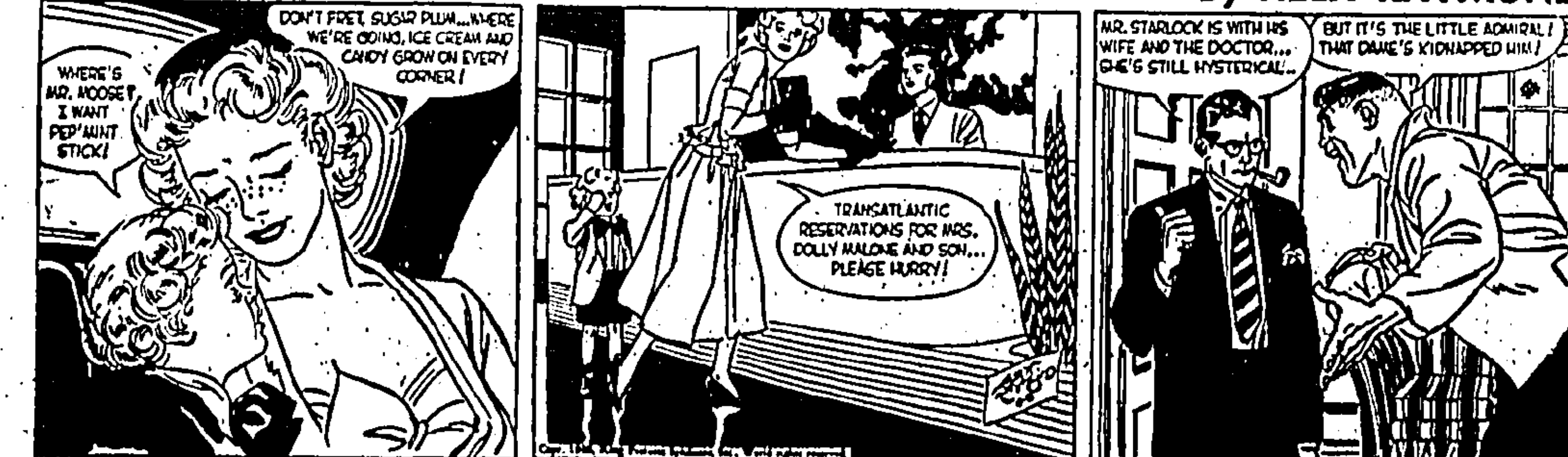
He reports that the United States land force at the city consists of only 5,000 Marines and raises the question of what the future of the port, as a base for United States Naval operations in that part of China, would be if the Communists took the city. —Associated Press.



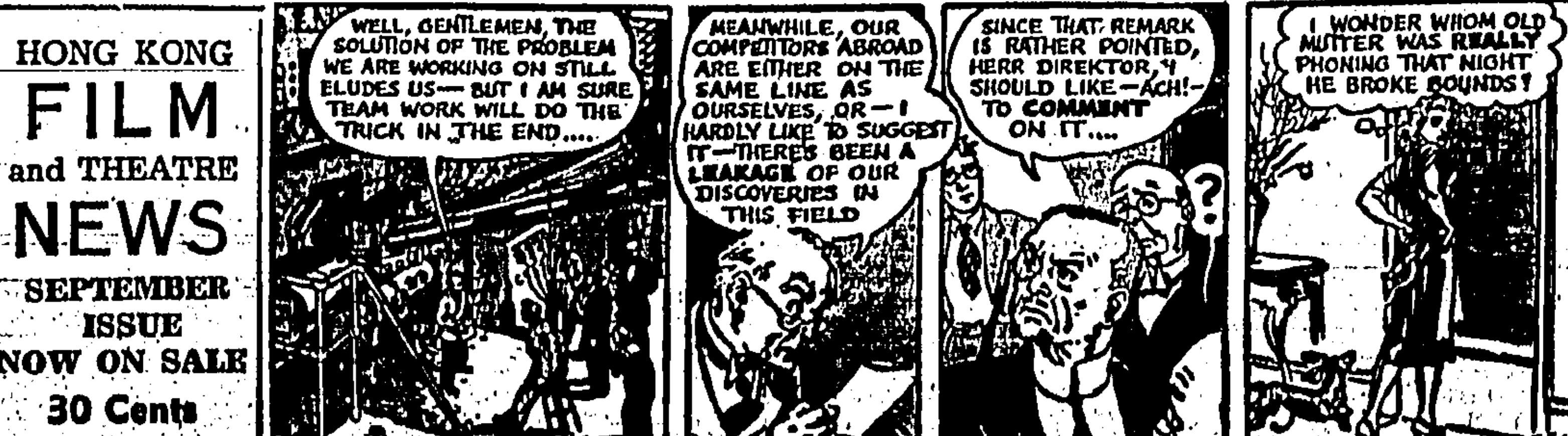
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British Columbia Chinese
May Be Enfranchised Soon

Vancouver, September 24.

British Columbia Chinese, who control and own thousands of dollars worth of property but have no vote in civic elections, tonight had high hopes of a change in their status.

They have the vote in Federal and Provincial elections, granted them last year for the first time in British Columbia, and now want the municipal franchise.

BIGGER
AIR LIFT
PROMISED

Heidelberg, September 23.
General Lucius D. Clay,
United States Military Gov-
ernor for Germany, today
promised a bigger and better
Berlin air lift, claiming "we've
only done about 60 per cent of
what we can easily do."

American Air Forces in the first
quarter of the year, justifies aim-
ing higher in planning extension
of operation, he told the press.

"Not only can we make our
promised 4,500 tons daily, but we
should be able to maintain
Western Berlin as well as she
has been since the end of the
war."

General Clay, holding his regu-
lar monthly conference with his
ranking subordinates from all
parts of the American zone, was
not discouraged by the possibility
of the winter weather interfering
with "operations" Vittles.

On the contrary, he expects a
mounting supply of deliveries in
Berlin for the season that the
planes landed in about 7,000 tons
in more than 800 flights.
General Clay termed this as a
most significant achievement of
the air lift, but he pointed out
that if only four-engine craft
had been run, another 1,000 tons
could have been unloaded in the
blackened metropolis. United
Press.

Interest is centred on Har-
rison, Hot Springs, where the
Union of B.C. municipalities,
in annual convention, will
hear a delegation of Chinese
leaders speak in support of a
resolution to enfranchise the
naturalized Chinese.

"Our hopes have never been so
high," said Tom Sien, Vice
President of Vancouver's Chinese
Benevolent Association, as he
headed a four-man delegation to
the convention.

A member of the delegation
is 31-year-old Richard Mar,
the first Chinese parachutist to
fight in France for Canada
during the second world war.
"Four hundred British Colum-
bia Chinese served in the Cana-
dian forces in the war," he said.
"Surely there should be no ques-
tion about letting us vote like all
other citizens."

The first Chinese came to the
province 80 years ago. Many
have gained wealth and influence
as merchants, gardeners and
farmers.

Proud Of Record

"We are proud of our record as
citizens and taxpayers," said
Gordon Cunniff, President of
the Chinese-Canadian Associa-
tion, which has 1,200 members
in British Columbia. In Van-

Speculation
On US Strike

San Francisco, September 24.
Waterfront observers specu-
lated today that a break might be
announced in the 22-day-old West
Coast maritime strike.

The speculation arose after
one of the striking unions hinted
that strikers might work foreign
and East Coast ships at West
Coast ports.

At the same time one of the
strike-bound shipping firms met
to consider whether to "bolt" the
employers' united front.

Mr. Vincent J. Malone, Presi-
dent of the right wing independ-
ent Marine Firemen's Union,
appealed to employers to settle
the strike.

He said: "Much ado has been
made about the movement of
army cargoes. Movement of
army freight alone does not
break the deadlock or solve the
problem." United Press.

CROWN RENTS

Crown rents for 19 different
lots, determined by the Acting
Land Officer, Mr. E. H. Sainsbury,
were published in the Government
Gazette yesterday.

The lots are Island Lots Nos.
29, 469, 635, 953, 163, 470, 749,
761, 782, 1026, 1271, 1301, 2090,
2050, Kowloon Island Lots Nos.
1131, 671 (by K), Marine Lot
Nos. 117, 52, 202A.

DEFENCE
OF SCAP

Washington, September 23.
Major General Frank R.
McCoy told the 11-nation Far
Eastern Commission on Thurs-
day that General Douglas Mac-
Arthur violated no Allied
policy in preventing strikes by
government employees.

General McCoy replied to last
week's demand by Soviet Am-
bassador, Andrei Gromyko, re-
versing General MacArthur's action
in the FEC but spoke as the United
States representative in the
policy-making body.

Members said that in the dis-
cussion of the issue at the weekly
closed session, there was some
support for Mr. Panysushkin's po-
sition. No action was taken on his
proposal, however.

The Soviet envoy declared that
FEC policy directives to Gen.
MacArthur as Supreme Allied
Commander in Japan provide
specifically for the right to bar-
gain collectively and to strike,
and makes no exception for em-
ployees of government agencies.—
Associated Press.

SILVER AND
GOLD MARKETS

London: Silver, Spot fine ounce
46s. Forward, 46s. Bar, Gold, per
fine ounce 172/3.

New York: Silver, Bar, (asked
price) 75 1/4 cts.; Bar, Gold, per
fine ounce (official) \$35.

Bombay: Silver, Ready, per 100
tolas 168 Rupees, 12 Annas; For-
ward, 168, 02; Marwar (un-
official) 165, 04; Gold, delivered,
per tola 113, 12; Forward (un-
official) no trading; Sovereign 76,
04. (One tola is equal to 3/16th of
an ounce.)

Buenos Aires: Sovereign, buy-
ers 125.00, sellers 128.00; U.S.
Eagles, 230.00b, 236.00s; Gold,
Bar, per gramme, 13.60b, 14.20s.

Bangkok: Gold, Bar, baht-
weight of 15.244 grammes, un-
quoted. Exchange Rate (Selling)
Bangkok, on New York T.T.
10.25; London 60.50; Hong Kong
3.75.—Reuter.

TWO NEW TREATMENTS
FOR MENTAL TROUBLE

Boston, September 24.

Two new treatments, one surgical the other electro-
therapeutic, are proving helpful in the treat-
ment of mental disorders.

The surgical operation is
known as the "ice-pick" treat-
ment. The new technique is
now being used in South
Dakota, Washington and West
Virginia state mental hospital.

The operation, while perfor-
med directly on the brain is sim-
ple enough, doctors say, to be
performed by any surgeon on the
hospital staff. Most brain opera-
tions must be done by a special-
ist.

The operation gets its name
from the use of a special surgical
instrument, resembling a com-
mon ice pick.

This is driven carefully up-
ward through the eye socket—
without damaging the eye—into
the brain, then it is moved from
side to side cutting certain brain
tissues, and withdrawn.
The skull is not opened and the en-
tire operation requires only five
to 10 minutes.

The effect of the operation is
to cut through a section of the
brain, cutting through old
thought patterns which caused
insanity.

New patterns can be develop-
ed through recreational, occupa-
tional and other standard types
of treatment.

Some doctors disapprove of
this method, however. They say
that it decreases intelligence.
They prefer electric shock.

Twenty persons receiving
shocks for split personality trou-
bles all afterward showed great-
ly improved intelligence ratings.
Their strange ideas, one of the
signs of split personality, declin-
ed. They concentrated better.—
Associated Press.

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m.s. "TRESHIAN" due 17th Oct. from U.K. & Continent
via Straits.
s.s. "CANTON" sails 20th Oct. for Shanghai & Japan.
due 25th Oct. from London via Suez,
Bombay, Colombo &
Straits.

sails 30th Oct. for London via
Straits, Colombo &
Bombay & Suez.

m.s. "TREVAYLOR" due 27th Oct. from U.K. & Continent
via Straits.

s.s. "CARTHAGE" due 22nd Nov. from London, Bom-
bay & Straits.

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Colombo & Bombay.

s.s. "SOUDAN" due end Nov. from U.K. & Continent
via Straits.

m.s. "TREVANION" due early Dec. from U.K. & Continent
via Straits.

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m.s. "SIRDHANA" due 30th Sept. from Amoy & Japan
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ang, Rangoon, Calcutta and Chittagong.
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m.s. "SANGOLA" (Apcar Line) due 2nd Oct. from Calcutta via
Rangoon & Straits.
sail 5th Oct. for Amoy, Shanghai &
Japan.

m.s. "SANGOLA" (Apcar Line) due 22nd Oct. from Japan & Amoy.
sails 25th Oct. for Singapore, Pen-
ang, Rangoon, Calcutta and Chittagong.

s.s. "SHIRALA" due 24th Oct. from Calcutta via
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(Apcar Line) sails 27th Oct. for Amoy.

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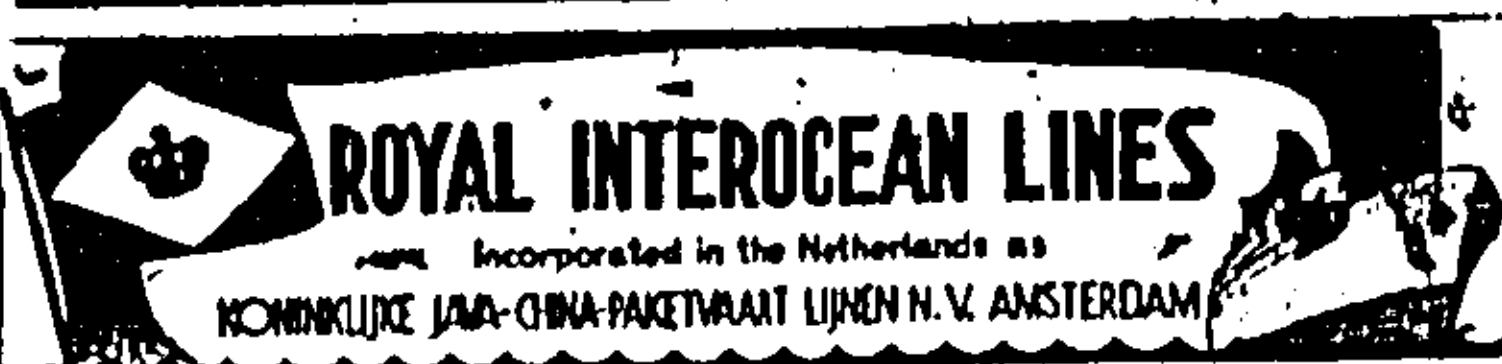
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"TJISADANE" from Macassar & Java Ports 30th Sept.	to Java Ports & Macassar 14th October.
"TJIBADAK" from Macassar & Java Ports 14th October.	to Shanghai 20th Nov.
"TASMAN" In Port	To Amoy 11th Oct. to Java Ports & Macassar 28th October.

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"STRAAT MALAKKA" In port	to Shanghai 20th Sept.
	to South Africa & South America via Manila & Straits 6th Oct.
"BOISSEvain" from Manila 26th Sept.	to Shanghai & Japan (round trip) 27th Sept.
	to South Africa & South America via Manila, Straits 7th November.
"TIKAMPEK" from South Africa 18th November.	to South Africa & South America 6th Dec.
"TEGELBERG" from South America & South Africa 19th Nov.	to South Africa & South America 6th January.

Transshipment cargo on through B/L to Dar-Es-Salaam, Mombasa, Zanzibar accepted on all sailings.

SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"VAN HEUTZ" from B. Deli & Straits 30th Sept.	to Swatow & Amoy 2nd Oct.
	to Straits & B. Deli 10th Oct.
"HEINRICH JESSEN" from B. Deli & Straits 11th Oct.	to Swatow & Amoy 12th Oct.

Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

Arrivals	Sailings
"LANGLESCOT" from Europe 30th Sept.	to Shanghai & Japan 3rd October
	to Europe via Manila & Straits 10th October

Arrivals	Sailings
"MARIEKERK" from Europe end October.	to Europe via Manila & Straits Mid November.
"MOLENERK" from Europe end November.	to Europe via Manila & Straits Mid December.

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Arrivals	Sailings
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ARRIVALS

From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	In Port	m.v. "TONGHAI"
	25th Sept.	m.v. "MINIDORO"

SAILINGS

For	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	25th Sept.	m.v. "TONGHAI"

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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

Sailing for SHANGHAI and YOKOHAMA

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S.S. "ANDRE LEBON" 19th Oct.

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"TSINAN"	Swatow 5 p.m. 25th Sept.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin & Incheon 4 p.m. 26th Sept.
"YCHOW"	Swatow & Incheon 5 p.m. 27th Sept.
"SHENGKING"	Singapore 10 a.m. 28th Sept.
"HANYANG"	Shanghai 5 p.m. 28th Sept.
"TSINAN"	Tientsin 10 a.m. 29th Sept.
"NEUCHANG"	Swatow 4 p.m. 30th Sept.
"SINKIANG"	Singapore & Penang 5 p.m. 2nd Oct.
"SINKIANG"	Shanghai, Incheon & Pusan 4 p.m. 5th Oct.
"SINKIANG"	Singapore & Penang 5 p.m. 5th Oct.
"SINKIANG"	Yokohama & Kobe 10 a.m. 7th Oct.
"SINKIANG"	Shanghai 5 p.m. 8th Oct.
"SINKIANG"	Singapore, Palembang, Macassar, Sourabaya, Semarang & Batavia 10 a.m. 10th Oct.

* Sails from Custodian Wharf

ARRIVALS FROM

"TSINAN"	Swatow 11 a.m. 25th Sept.
"NEUCHANG"	Japan & Shanghai 29th Sept.
"TSINAN"	Swatow 11 a.m. 29th Sept.
"SINKIANG"	Shanghai & Incheon 30th Sept.
"SINKIANG"	Incheon & Pusan 2nd Oct.
"SINKIANG"	NEI Singapore & Bangkok 4th Oct.

RIVER SERVICE

"TATSHAN"	Arrives from Canton 1.30 p.m. 27th Sept.
"WUSHEI"	Sails for Canton 6 a.m. 29th Sept.
	Sails for Macao 2 p.m. daily Monday to Saturday.
	Arrives from Macao 7.30 a.m. daily Tuesday to Saturday and 7.30 p.m. on Sundays.

Agents: BLUE FUNNEL LINE

U.K. SERVICE

Arrivals from

"TITAN"	U.K. via Straits & Manila 2nd Oct.
"CLYTONUS"	U.K. via Straits 11th Oct.
"CLYTONUS"	U.K. via Straits Mid Oct.

Sailings to

"ACHILLES"	Liverpool & Glasgow via Port Said 11th Oct.
"CLYTONUS"	Liverpool & Glasgow via Port Said Mid Nov.

NEW YORK SERVICE

Arrivals from

"AJAX"	U.S.A. via Manila & Shanghai 3rd week Oct.
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Agents: Australian-Oriental Line, Ltd.

Sailings to

"SOOCHOW"	Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane on or about 7th Oct.
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Arrivals from

"CHANGTE"	Australia 1st week Nov.
"SHANSI"	Australia 1st week Nov.

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Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

HAI HUIA (C.M.S.N.)	Chinese, 1700 tons, ex-Singapore, 4.45 p.m.
HAI HUIA (C.M.S.N.)	Chinese, 4,461 tons, ex-Singapore, 4.45 p.m.
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TODAY

EASTERN SAGA (Jardine)	ex-Yokohama
FRANCISVILLE (Bank Line)	ex-Pacific Coast
GLENGARRY (Jardine)	ex-U.K.
MINDORO (Hama)	ex-Atlantic Coast
SHIMOKING (H. & N.)	ex-Shanghai
THINAI (H. & N.)	ex-Singapore

TOMORROW

FRANCISVILLE (Bank Line)	ex-Pacific Coast
GLENGARRY (Jardine)	ex-U.K.
MINDORO (Hama)	ex-Atlantic Coast
SHIMOKING (H. & N.)	ex-Shanghai
THINAI (H. & N.)	ex-Singapore

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

FRANCISVILLE (Bank Line)	ex-Pacific Coast
GLENGARRY (Jardine)	ex-U.K.
MINDORO (Hama)	ex-Atlantic Coast
SHIMOKING (H. & N.)	ex-Shanghai
THINAI (H. & N.)	ex-Singapore

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FRANCISVILLE (Bank Line)	ex-Pacific Coast
GLENGARRY (Jardine)	ex-U.K.
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SHIMOKING (H. & N.)	ex-Shanghai
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TOMORROW

FRANCISVILLE (Bank Line)	ex-Pacific Coast
GLENGARRY (Jardine)	ex-U.K.
MINDORO (Hama)	ex-Atlantic Coast
SHIMOKING (H. & N.)	ex-Shanghai
THINAI (H. & N.)	ex-Singapore

Vessels in Port

ANAKAN (Gibbs)	ex-U.K.
ANAKAN (Gibbs)	ex-U.K.
ANAKAN (Gibbs)	ex-U.K.
ANAKAN (Gibbs)	ex-U.K.
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AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

TODAY

CNAC ex-Shanghai	11.45 a.m.
TAIPEI ex-Shanghai	5.30 p.m.
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TOMORROW

CNAC ex-Shanghai	10.25 a.m.
TAIPEI ex-Shanghai	12.10 p.m.
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Departures

TODAY

CNAC for Shanghai	12.45 p.m.
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CNAC for Shanghai	12.45 p.m.
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TUESDAY

CNAC for Shanghai	12.45 p.m.
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Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

MARYLOCK (Wallen)	ex-Plover Cove
MARYLOCK (Wallen)	ex-Plover Cove
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Vessels Due From

AFRICA

BOISSEVAIN (R.I.L.)	ex-S. Africa
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BOISSEVAIN (R.I.L.)	ex-S. Africa
BOISSEVAIN (R.I.L.)	ex-S. Africa
BOISSEVAIN (R.I.L.)	ex-S. Africa
BOISSEVAIN (R.I.L.)	ex-S. Africa
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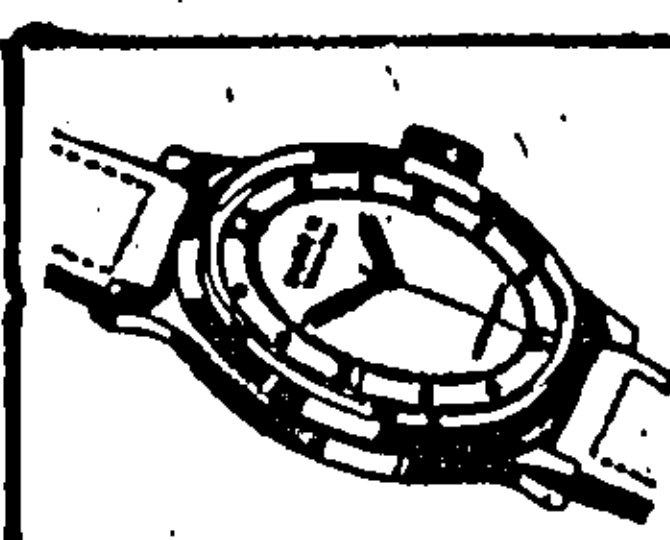
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	BANGDA (B.I.) ex-Japan
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Prospects For Today's 10 Events At Happy Valley

By "RAPIER"

Racing will be resumed this afternoon at the Valley after the summer recess, when the Hong Kong Jockey Club will stage their Seventh Extra Race Meeting, with a programme of 10 events. The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., with the first race starting at 2.00 p.m. sharp.

Given fine weather, a record crowd is expected. The rails have been moved from their original position, and the grass track is certainly looking in splendid condition, but due to the heavy rain which fell during the last two days, the track will be on the soft side, in which event it will be necessary to bear in mind the ponies that have done well in meetings in similar conditions.

Mr. H. Maitland, who suffered injury received as a result of a fall whilst riding Deep Lee in the Somerset Handicap (First Section) at the Whitsun Meeting has arrived back in the Colony fully recovered, and will be seen in action.

Former champion jockey, Mr. D. Black, has gone to hospital for a minor operation and will not be riding this afternoon. I feel sure, however, that all keen followers of the turf will join me in hoping that he will make a speedy recovery.

Mr. H. S. Wong is also a punter, as he is still suffering from the effect of a fall from his new Australian pony the other morning.

Race No. 1, Kensington Gardens Handicap (First Section). The Two Mile Post, Once Round & In.

The first race of the day is confined to Australian ponies class 3, and it is no easy problem to spot the ultimate winner. Much is expected from Crown Witness (Mr. K. F. Chiu) recently demoted from Class 2, but it will find 150 lbs too heavy for it, and the best it can do will be to place. D Day (Mr. Shieh) which won the Lantau Handicap over the mile at the Whitsun Meeting has its weight increased by 7 lbs. and, judging from that run, it is not a good chance of winning here. There is also Avalon (Mr. Needa) to be reckoned with, however, as this pony has had its weight reduced 5 lbs. since its third placing in the Somerset Handicap (First Section) at the Whitsun Meeting, and as it is at the moment looking fit, it will give D Day a good run for first position.

Jeep Shing (Mr. Maitland) which won the Alexandra Park Handicap (Second Section) at the 4th Extra Meeting, with Mr. Black up, has had a long rest from racing, and as it is now in the pink of condition, it should give the above mentioned ponies a good fight to the end if not actually winning.

Mr. S. W. Lee has the choice of Cussie and Luna and, as the former pony is carrying 147 lbs I expect him to take out the latter which is carrying 5 lbs less, and if that is the case it should not be disregarded as this pony has been galloping well at morning training.

Race No. 2, Regatta Park Handicap (First Section). From Near The 1-1/2 Mile Post.

First Section of Australian ponies class 2 will be on view in this race, and over this distance the best thing to do is to look for positions. Pania, which won the Tylam Bay Handicap (First Section) at the last meeting, ridden by Mr. Ostroff, is the form bet here, and I am given to understand that Mr. C. L. Gregory has been given the morning training. This pony will be third in the Whitsun Plate under Mr. Wong Yan, however, have a say here as the pony has improved greatly. It has an excellent chance of winning.

Lucky Strike (Mr. B. L. Tuo) is quite speedy over the shorter distance, and given a good start, it may be well up at the finish. Lovely Lady (Mr. Maitland) which was second when Vagabond King won the Tylam Bay Handicap (Second Section) at the last meeting over six furlongs will probably be out here on account of the shorter distance. Liberation Star (Mr. Ostroff) with only 127 lbs to handle, can be depended on to give the above ponies a good fight, and once it takes a lead it will be hard to catch.

Race No. 3, Green Park Handicap (One And A Quarter Miles). The contenders in this race are Australian ponies class 4, and I don't think we need look for the following for the potential winners: Anyway (Mr. K. Kwok), Desert Knight (Mr. Os-

trouff), Hol Pello (Mr. S. W. Lee), Amigo (Mr. B. L. Tuo) and Prince Delight (Mr. C. R. Lawrence). Anyway has not had a win as yet at the Valley since it started racing, but it is at the moment in fair trim and on that account it is fancied in certain quarters.

Desert Knight has been back-ward in its racing career since winning the All Out Stakes at the Annual Meeting over this distance, but as it is in very good condition at the moment it may have a say towards the end although carrying top weight of 150 lbs. Hol Pello, which was second in the Dorset Handicap (First Section) at the Whitsun Meeting is moving well in training, and as it is in fine fettle and should be near.

Prince Delight has not done anything of note since it came in second to Sovereign in the Trial Plate at the Annual Meeting with Mr. Needa. I think the pony is looking a picture of fitness after the summer vacation and doing good track work. It should give a good account of itself in this race, coupled with an allowance of 5 lbs for Mr. Lawrence, who is a novice jockey. I think the race for the first position will be fought out between the above ponies with Prince Delight as my fancy.

Race No. 4, Entertainer Park Stakes (First Section). Class 5 Furlongs.

This race is confined to Australian ponies class 9 and unclassified Australian ponies of 1948 which they have started or not. Weight 147 lbs. Judging from the entries, Silver Wheel (Mr. B. L. Tuo) has the best chance of winning, but I think the pony is on account of its fine form at the moment during morning gallops. I think it should account for this race.

It may, however, meet with stern opposition from Spitfire (Mr. Ostroff) which is a steady animal over short distance although it has not done anything of note up to this moment. Much as I like Mona Lisa (Mr. Cham-berlain), I do not think it will be in the longer races if it fails to win this first position. In some quarters good enough to extend those named above, and may cause an upset.

Race No. 5, Hyde Park Handicap (First Section). Class 1 Mile.

This race should provide an exciting finish and probably the best finish of the afternoon. For its win in the Whitsun Handicap over six furlongs, Daisy Bell (Mr. Needa) has to carry 3 lbs more to-day. The distance is much longer and it is to its liking, and I think it stands a good chance of winning again. Norse Queen was second to the above pony in this same race, should be strongly supported, but I am afraid that the heavy weight of 150 lbs may prove a little too much for it. This pony will be taken out by Mr. K. F. Chiu.

Black Market (Mr. Ostroff) is also in this race if sent out, in view of its surprising burst of speed in coming in first in the Whitsun Plate over the champion distance carrying 150 lbs. However, it is rumored that its owner is reserving it for the Double Tenth Plate to be run at the next meeting. Atman (Mr. Bredie), the 1948 Derby Winner, will be competing this afternoon after its long rest, but I doubt it will be good enough to extend the above ponies.

Vagabond King's fine run at the last meeting when it won the Tylam Bay Handicap (Second Section)—six furlongs—should not be disregarded, as how good this pony is, nobody knows. Mr. Gregory will be riding it again.

Selections For Today

By "RAPIER"

Race No. 1, D DAY, AVALLON, CROWN WITNESS, Outsider: Jeep Shing.
Race No. 2, PANDA, METEOR, LUCKY STRIKE, Outsider: Liberation Star.
Race No. 3, PRINCE DELIGHT, ANYWAY, DESERT KNIGHT, Outsider: Hol Pello.
Race No. 4, SILVER WHEEL, SPITFIRE, MONA LISA, Outsider: Amc. Clipper.
Race No. 5, DAISY BELL, NORSE QUEEN, ATAMAN, Outsider: Vagabond King.

Race No. 6, ABOUT BEAUTY, BRIVISTO, COUNTESS DELIGHT, Outsider: Miami Beauty.
Race No. 7, CHESTERFIELD, RICHARD I, V. J. DAY, Outsider: Cooper.
Race No. 8, KOOKABURRA, ARGUS II, FIREMASTER, Outsider: Busted Straight.
Race No. 9, LIL MARLENE, HAPPY BOY, HONG KONG BELLE, Outsider: Trial Trip.
Race No. 10, A GRAND TIME, MARBER, TOOTIE, Outsider: Flying Tiger.

coupled with the heavy weight. Countess Delight under Mr. C. F. Ng won the Norfolk Handicap (Second Section) over 1-1/4 Miles at the Whitsun Meeting, and should also be in the run at the finish as the pony is in tip top condition now. Trade Wind (Mr. Y. K. Tuo) is not a bad selection for a place bet, and as an outsider I recommend Miami Beauty (Mr. K. F. Chiu) as this pony has won a race over the two mile post and paid a three-figure dividend.

Race No. 7, Regatta Park Handicap (Second Section). From Near The 1-1/2 Mile Post.

This sprint event is confined to second lot of Australian ponies class 2, and over this distance the best thing to do is to look for the draw for positions as a good start will probably win the race. Richard I, which won the Deep Bay Handicap (Second Section) at the last meeting under Mr. Mi, over this distance, is at present fighting fit and, as it will have the same jockey up this afternoon, it has a good chance of winning.

Chesterfield will be taken out by Mr. Gregory and as the distance suits the pony, I am confident that it will give Richard I a good run for the first position. Cooper (Mr. Maitland) is another fast mover over this distance, although carrying 150 lbs. as a much better pony than before, and the extra weight should not hamper its chances of winning if given a runaway start. V. J. Day (Mr. Needa) should be a dangerous contender, as these two form a good combination. Blue Ribbon (Mr. S. W. Lee) and Rose Emme (Mr. Ostroff) are two good ponies to bear in mind as they are both capable of upsetting calculations.

Race No. 8, St. James Park Stakes (One And A Quarter Miles).

In this race for Australian ponies class 8, Kookaburra (Mr. Bredie) has a good opportunity of scoring a win in view of its performance in the Silver Mine Bay Stakes (First Section) over the mile, when it came in second to Rosemary. Argus II (Mr. Mi) is about the next best in this crowd and it is more of a surprise to see it fighting out the finish. Busted Straight (Mr. Ostroff) and Topsyall (Mr. K. Kwok) should also receive some consideration, especially the former, which is not bad over this distance.

Firemaster (Mr. B. L. Tuo) is improving in its track work during morning training and it will not be a surprise to see it fighting out the finish. Busted Straight (Mr. Ostroff) and Topsyall (Mr. K. Kwok) should also receive some consideration, especially the former, which is not bad over this distance.

Race No. 9, Battersea Park Stakes (Six Furlongs).

The second lot of Australian ponies class 9 and unclassified Australian ponies of 1948, whether they have started or not will form the opposition over this sprint race and from the entries I don't think there is much doubt that Lil Marlene (Mr. Peter Young) will win, unless something out of the ordinary happens.

Happy Boy (Mr. K. Kwok) which has not as yet done any thing of note should have no difficulty in taking second place. For the third position Hong Kong Belle (Mr. Wong Yan) and Trial Trip (Mr. Mi) should fight out the issue.

best ponies here for this distance are undoubtedly Marber (Mr. Ostroff) and A Grand Time (Mr. K. F. Chiu). Marber won the Cornwall Stakes (Second Section) from the two mile post at the Whitsun Meeting certainly has a good chance of scoring a win here.

A Grand Time won the Rocky Bay Stakes (First Section) over the mile at the last meeting, and must therefore be seriously considered as a potential winner. Airfield (Mr. Gregory), Tootie (Mr. Maitland) and Flying Tiger (Mr. B. L. Tuo) may have something to say with regard to the third position, but I don't think they can win.

WILLIAMS RETAINS LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE

New York, September 23.

Ike Williams retained his lightweight title tonight by knocking out Jesse Flores in the 10th round of their bout at Madison Square Garden. On the same card, welterweight champion Ray "Sugar" Robinson won a unanimous 10-round non-title decision over Cuban Kid Gavilan.

Challenger Flores, a California Mexican, was badly out by Williams who had definitely the better of the fight. He hit the canvas five times, and after the third round it was only a question of time.

Kid Gavilan gave Robinson an unexpectedly hard and close fight. Robinson was forced to resort to his skill and fancy footwork to evade Gavilan's persistent attacks to the body and head. The fight sawsawed throughout, but the judges nevertheless gave Robinson the nod despite loud protests from the 10,000 fans. Gavilan's excellent showing probably clinched for him a crack at Robinson's title. The title fight was more of a pure fight than a fight, with Williams chasing the elusive challenger round and round the ring. Flores was knocked down twice in the fifth round, twice in the eighth and once for the knockout in the 10th. In the ninth round he slipped to the canvas, but it was not a knock-down.—United Press.

Friendly Hockey

The following will represent the Khalsa Sports Club in a friendly hockey match against the D.R.C. tomorrow at 10.15 a.m. on the Navy Ground at Causeway Bay:—
Jangier Singh, A. E. P. Gueat, J. S. Dillon, Balwant Singh, Beryar, M. H. Hassan, Prithvi Singh, Beryar, Gueat, J. R. K. Ebrahim, Mickey Ram, Narinder Singh and S. Dillon.
Reserves—R. S. Dillon and Lal Singh.
If players are unable to play, please communicate with the secretary, telephone No. 23339.

CRICKET

The following will represent Crailgower Cricket Club in a friendly cricket game against University today. The game will start at 2 p.m. sharp:—
Dr. C. W. Lam, G. A. Souza, P. J. Billimoria, G. Hong Choy, Robert Tay, A. H. Esmail, R. O. Baker, J. Crabtree, S. Ramchand, W. J. Cruz, I. M. Omar and E. H. Esmail.

YANKS LOSE TO CHICAGO

New York, September 24. New York's drive to make it a three way tie for the American League lead ran into trouble on Thursday as the Yanks lost to Chicago, 4-2.

The defeat dropped last year's world champs a full game behind the Boston Red Sox and Cleveland as they started home to begin an all-important three games series with Boston Friday.

Southpaw Frank Piskich yielded only six hits for the victory. The White Sox picked five blows and three runs off Ed Lopas in the fourth inning.

Detroit came from behind to beat Philadelphia with two runs in the ninth to win 8-7. In the National Brooklyn remained mathematically in the race. The triumph left the Dodgers seven games behind Boston with that many games to play. The Dodgers broke a close ball game with a three run 8th inning featuring homers by Gil Hodges and Roy Campanella. Brooklyn 7, New York 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
New York 2 6 2
Chicago 4 8 6 Frank Piskich
Philadelphia 7 7 1
Detroit 8 10 9 Ted Gray

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Brooklyn 12 12 9 Joe Nathan
New York 11 4 4
Associated Press.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times on the old course tomorrow, follow:—
9.40 D. S. Robinson, Goldman.
9.45 B. Buthur, E. T. McMullen.
9.46 J. S. Dunnett, G. A. G. Johnson.
9.52 D. L. Prophet, J. D. Mackie.
9.56 C. Suen, K. Y. Eu.

US Visas Refused Players

Prague, September 23.

The American Consulate in Prague has refused United States entry visas to most of the members of a hockey team of the Czechoslovak National Athletic Organisation, Sokol, it was announced here today. The Sokol organisation was recently purged of members accused of using it for staging an anti-Government demonstration during its festival in Prague in the summer.

The announcement by the Sokol's hockey section said that as the United States Department of Justice alone could make an exception to the regulation under which visas had been refused, a report had been made to the American Hockey Association. The report had requested an answer on the question of the team's visit, as the Czech team would have to revise its entire international fixture list for the season if the American trip was cancelled.—Reuter.

UK Boxers For Scandinavia

London, September 24. The Amateur Boxing Association named a 12 man team on Thursday to fight international matches in Scandinavia next month.

They will depart by plane on September 29 and compete in Copenhagen on Oct. 1, Aarhus on Oct. 4 and Stockholm on Oct. 6. Reserves were selected in the feather, light, welter and middle weight divisions. Three members were on the Olympic boxing team—Peter Brander, Ron Cooper and Jack Gardner.

The team: Flyweight, Bernard Marshall; bantamweight, Peter Morrison; featherweight, Peter Brander and Charlie Tucker; lightweight, Ron Cooper and Ron Latham; welterweight, Thompson Glenville and G. H. Williams; middleweight, Michael Stack and Ted Warren; light, heavyweight, James Alcock; heavyweight, Jack Gardner.—Associated Press.

FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS TODAY

The 1948-49 football season will start officially today, when a number of interesting games in the First and Second Divisions of the Hong Kong Football League will be played.

The withdrawal of Sing Tao from the league this season and the resultant migration of their players to other teams, as well as the amalgamation of all military teams into a single Army unit, should serve to provide soccer fans with a keener brand of football than hitherto, when Sing Tao, with the cream of local soccer talent at its disposal, monopolised the stage.

The first game of the afternoon should be that at Boundary Street, where Chinese Amateur Athletic entertain the Club.

The Chinese process a very fast and tricky combination and although depleted to a certain extent by transfers, should give the Club a good game. The Club have always been known to be at their best when pitted against Chinese teams and it would not be surprising if they came away with both points.

The Club attack will be strengthened by the inclusion of Kiernan, formerly of the Inniskillings. Kiernan has already become the idol of the Chinese soccer crowds and his speed, elusive play and powerful shooting, has formed the subject of extremely favorable comment whenever Chinese soccer fans get into conversation.

The Athletic defence will undoubtedly concentrate on Kiernan this afternoon and do their best to prevent him from getting into his stride.

The Army will be at home to Kwong Wah at Sookumpoo and judging by the form of their players in the Seven-A-Side Competition, should have little difficulty in winning. In their goals, Correll, have a player of outstanding ability and who, should, in time, prove to be another Powell.

Stanley Shield

The Kwong Wah XI will, it is understood, include all players who represented the Miniature F.A. in the Stanley Shield Competition.

The South China "B" XI Chee encounter at Caroline Hill should prove to be interesting, with the odds in favour of the Caroline Hill team.

St. Joseph's, who play Eastern on the Club ground at Happy Valley, can be depended upon to give Eastern a hard fight. The Saints are said to be fielding former Sing Tao players in their team. If this should be the case, they should easily collect both points, provided the inclusion of those former Sing Tao players does not upset the good understanding previously existing between members of last year's XI. In the Second Division, Portuguese Catholic Association and Solicitors' Clerks' Association, newcomers to the League cross swords at Happy Valley. The P.C.A. created a very favourable impression when they took part in the Stanley Shield Competition and will start as warm favourites. They should easily account for their opponents, who have not as yet settled down as a combination.

Strong Chinese Teams

The Army representatives in the Second Division will be pitted against strong Chinese teams. As the exact composition of the Army teams is not known, it would be foolish to hazard any forecast as to the result of their meeting. South China and W.D. Chinese will try conclusions at Caroline Hill. The War Department Chinese have a very useful side and with a little luck, should share points with the Caroline Hill team. Club will be hosts to University and should collect both points.

LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE MATCH

In a lawn bowls league match yesterday, Indian Recreation Club beat Crailgower Cricket Club by 64 to 59 shots.

The results follow:

G.C.C.	I.R.C.
G. Hong Choy	M. Razack
L. G. Souza	A. J. Hussain
A. E. Coates	U. A. Ramjahn
B. W. Bradbury	A. R. Minu
(Skip)	(Skip)
F. Leo	S. Yusuf
J. H. Xavier	A. M. Ramjahn
A. A. Razack	A. M. Wahab
A. M. Omar	J. Hoosen
(Skip)	(Skip)
I. M. Omar	M. B. Hassan
G. A. Souza	M. Y. Adal
M. F. Bapista	K. M. Ramjahn
A. M. Omar	A. K. Minu
(Skip)	(Skip)
Total	59

Aussies

Take Home £60,000

London, September 23. The triumphant Australian cricket team left London today en route for home, taking with them £60,000 as Australia's share of the tour profits.

Mr. Keith Johnson, the manager, said that the most lasting memory of an extremely pleasant tour would be the visit to Balmoral where "it was difficult to believe we were being entertained by Royalty." He added: "We felt we were going into an Englishman's home and into his family life."

Mr. Johnson said that they had been very fortunate with the weather, having lost only five days through rain in a wet summer, and gate receipts were nearly twice as much as on any previous tour.

Don Bradman, who made his farewell speech at the official luncheon on Monday, merely added: "We have enjoyed every minute of the tour. I shall be coming back, but in what capacity and when I cannot say at the moment."

Asked to name the best batsman and bowler he had played against, Bradman smilingly replied: "I am not telling you that. I may be writing a book myself."—Reuter.

COLONY SWIMMING FINALS TONIGHT

The lights go on tonight for the gala opening of the finals of the Colony Swimming Championships at the Victoria Recreation Club.

Seven colony titles will be contested in a programme of 12 swimming events and three records are likely to be made by Luckie Rose, the Anderson sisters and the V.R.C. sprint relay team.

The men's performances in the preliminary heats swum off last week showed an unusual number of swimmers all grouped tightly in an equally high standard.

It will therefore require each of them to put in an extra effort to establish a decision—an effort which might well be sufficient in some cases to give him a new record and at the same time bring Hong Kong closer to the field of international competition.

Tonight's programme begins with one of these tight events—the men's 220 yards free style championship of the colony.

The heats showed that hardly a second separates the chances of the three favourites: V.R.C.'s Sonny Monteiro, Lai Tsun's formidable Chan Chun-nam and Lau Tai-ping. Monteiro returned the best time of 2:31 flat, with the other two following only 4/5 of a second behind. That extra effort will determine the winner and this can be more expected from Monteiro than either Lau or Chan. Lau should again edge out Chan for second place.

A strong challenger is Eastern's youthful Cheong Kin-man. And though Wilfred Lawrence will not be keeping up to his younger opponent, he will have the satisfaction to see his 13-year-old record of 2:25 still intact as neither Monteiro nor Lau will reach it.

The first record likely to be broken tonight will be the women's 100 yards breast stroke. Only two competitors will be starting: V.R.C.'s Luckie Rose and Lai Tsun's girl, Wong Yuk-ping. Luckie should clinch the title while Yuk-ping, who had been only 1.4 seconds off the colony mark in a recent try, should finish a good runner up.

The women's 50 yards back stroke event features the Anderson sisters and Luckie Rose, the only three contestants for the honours.

The record of 35.5 seconds belongs to Shauna Anderson who earned it last year. But Luckie Rose has bettered it. In a swimming gala early in the season, the three met for the first time and that was when Luckie first set claim to the title: flat and is today in better condition than Shauna in the back stroke.

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